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## Dressed For The Past While Learning About It...



ON FEBRUARY 9TH, the Room 23 students of Sheryl Mardeusz from Phelps Elementary School paid a visit to Storowton Village in West Springfield for the "Look Back" program. Decked out in Colonial era garb, the youngsters experienced old-fashioned lessons in the Village's North Center School. (See related photos in "Education.") Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

*Assists AHS And Junior High Students...*

## More Volunteers Sought For Agawam Schools' Tutoring Program

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

Agawam School Volunteer Tutors was founded about four years ago. Feeding Hills resident Mary L. Bennett, retired Springfield Technical Community College biology professor, and her husband, John Bennett, launched the program.

Originally, the free tutoring program was offered at just Agawam High School, but the services now encompass the Junior High School as well, helping to eliminate a deficiency before it prevents progress in the ensuing years of school.

More tutors are needed because of the expansion and because some of the tutors have other obligations during parts of the school year. A volunteer can give as little as one hour a week, but can make an enormous difference to a student. The tutoring is one-on-one, always with the same student in the same subject.

Junior High School Assistant Principal Marc Costanzi said, "Students at the Junior High School have study twice a week for half a year

maximum. We try to arrange tutoring during a study period, if possible. Or the session might take place after school, usually in the library or cafeteria."

Patricia Roberts works at the High School and assigns the tutors. Hours are mainly 1:45-2:34 p.m. at the High School and 2:15-3:15 at the Junior High. There is a waiting list of Junior High

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students asking for help, so anyone willing to make a commitment for one hour can make a huge difference to students willing to put out the extra effort.

**16 Tutors On The List**

According to Mrs. Bennett, "We now have 16 tutors on our list, but the number of those actually available can vary, especially in the winter, when many who are retirees head south. Tutors need a bachelor's degree, but the present group comes from all sorts of backgrounds, such as engineers, accountants, attorneys, nurses, and elementary, high school, and college teachers.

"The subjects taught are math, science, English, history, the languages - all limited, of course, by tutor availability. Right now, we are in need of a French tutor, and there are strong needs in the areas of English, math, and sciences," said Mrs. Bennett.

Costanzi explained that he gets referrals from parents, teachers, guidance counselors, and even sometimes a tutor. "We look to see that the student has shown signs of seeking help, that resources such as help from their own teacher and similar resources have been explored. We make certain there is a willingness, then we seek a tutor," said Costanzi.

After her retirement at Bell Atlantic, Debbie Driscoll began to work part-time at Whitcomb Financial. She has been a tutor with the Agawam School Volunteer Tutors since October 1999, working once a week on Thursdays. "I prefer tutoring English and enjoy the fact that we work one-on-one. The student I tutor is very interested in bringing her marks up, and we have been able to do this steadily since we began.

"I try to develop a rapport with my student and to see what is lacking. It's rewarding. I feel that I am making a difference to a person who is trying. An hour doesn't seem very long compared to that kind of reward," noted Mrs. Driscoll.



**AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL Assistant Principal Marc Costanzi with Debbie Driscoll, who has been with the Agawam School Volunteer Tutors since October 1999 (working once a week on Thursdays).** Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Mrs. Bennett is a math tutor and would welcome more volunteers. Her number is 786-3739, or calls can also go to Patricia Roberts at 786-8580. The enthusiastic and dedicated group enjoys what they do as tutors and share a wealth of variety from their own careers and backgrounds.

The present list includes Mrs. Bernice Beck,

Mrs. Mary Bennett, Mrs. Marion Brindle, Ms. Jean Clifford, Mr. Francis Collins, Mrs. Sylvia Deliso, Ms. Deborah Driscoll, Atty. Alan Ferrigno, Mrs. Margaret Greenough, Mrs. Marianne Gregor, Mr. James Nodurf, Mrs. Debra Pond, Mr. Fred Roberts, Mrs. Lois Smus, Mr. Richard Treganowan, and Atty. William Walsh.

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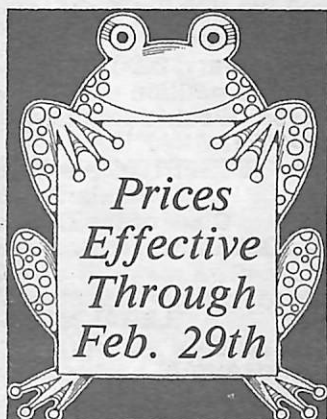
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## Letters To The Editor

### What Can We Do To Help Harvey Johnson Drive???

To The Editor:  
Dear Mayor Cohen:

Although you are our new mayor, you may be aware of an old problem on our street. I know the Agawam police are painfully aware of the issues and are probably sick of hearing the words "Harvey Johnson Drive" come over their radio from the dispatcher.

Speaking for most of the residents on the street, we are tired of the fact that so much of our police department's valuable time and our valuable tax dollars are being so ridiculously wasted on our neighborhood squabble.

I am appealing to you as an agent of our town to help us know what our next steps could possibly be to rid our lives of the "pests" that now inhabit our neighborhood. To give you the quick version...

Almost two years ago, two new families moved into our neighborhood. Initially, everyone got along wonderfully. Then there started to be problems between their children, dog, and the rest of the neighborhood. Many rumors pointed at the other neighborhood children arose, the dog bit one too many people, and the new neighbors began accusing various ones of us saying things that were never said and "giving the loser sign" to them as we drove by. Needless to say, the dog was removed, and the new neighbors primarily only speak to each other now.

This past June, a systematic campaign of threats and accusations toward one neighbor in particular began. The new people feel that she is consistently speeding down the street. The problem is that they refuse to understand that the speed limit on our street is 30 miles per hour. One of these people stated to me, back when they first moved in, that the reason they bought the house on this street was because it was a dead end. That way, her children have a street to play in. What they continually fail to realize is that that is what they have a yard for and the street is for cars.

However, because of this refusal to accept the truth about the speed limit, the police have visited our street more often than we like (and I am certain they feel the same) and there have been false reports filed with the town, the Registry, and your predecessor. In every case, their accusations were able to be one-by-one-by-one shown to be false by various means (i.e., police speed trap reports, certified affidavits from witnesses, etc.). It got so ridiculous toward the end of last year that I wrote a letter to the editor of *The Advertiser* making a public appeal to them to "Stop the Insanity" they are creating on the street. Again, needless to say, it has only gotten worse.

After the letter appeared in the paper, one of the new neighbors flipped my husband "the bird" in front of our five-year-old son, then verbally accosted my husband in the street to the point where he thought she was going to hit him. This same neighbor, in her mature wisdom, has recently thrown a snow and ice ball the size of a snowman's head at the moving car of the neighbor they have been campaigning against and almost broke her window. What a great example she sets for her children, huh?

Thus, since the Registry has rejected their complaints and the police cannot ever seem to catch her speeding they have resorted to creating this tale of woe that this neighbor, who by the way has lived on our street for over 30 years, has never had a single problem prior to these pests moving in and has been a volunteer and coach for children for over 10 years now, is now "intentionally swerving and attempting to kill these neighbors and their children!!" Again, there are no witnesses to these actions except, of course, each other. The other twist to this sordid tale is that one of the neighbors who is spinning this tale has done the exact same thing to her prior neighbors. Imagine that, wherever this woman goes, one of her neighbors starts trying to run her over with their car. A little too ironic for me.

Mister Mayor, what can we do to help our nice little neighborhood get our good reputation back with the police? Is there some type of restraining order that could prevent them from filing frivolous, bogus, and false reports with anyone who will listen? Please help us. I have kept the names out of this letter because I am submitting it to the editor of *The Advertiser* for another public appeal to these people's senses, that is, if they have any.

If things do not change, I am afraid that when we really do have a problem, the police department may not take us seriously. To all of the officers on the Agawam Police Department, we apologize for dragging you into this juvenile campaign of bellyaching about something that will not be changed - the speed limit on our street.

And to you, Mayor Cohen, I apologize for taking so much of the town's time on this ridiculous issue, but I am just afraid that my family may become these people's next target should they get bored with the other neighbor.

Please help us.

Sincerely,  
Donna Viens  
Agawam

### Public Figures Should Not Attack Common Citizens

To The Editor:

George Bitzas, you are a public figure elected to serve the citizens of Agawam. If you happen to be misquoted in the newspaper and the newspaper writes a retraction, then let it be.

Why attack Ernestine Book? She is a common citizen who exercised her freedom of speech. She is not a public figure like yourself and she is, therefore, not subject to public ridicule.

As President Truman once said, "If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."

Michael DelNegro  
Agawam

### Agawam Resident Defends Her Letter Regarding George Bitzas

To The Editor:

I would like to respond to George Bitzas' letter falsely accusing me of making libelous remarks in last week's *Advertiser*.

I stand behind my previous letter because at the time I wrote it and submitted it to the *Advertiser News* on February 1, 2000, I used information taken directly from the *Advertiser News* on January 27, 2000.

What Bitzas didn't or maybe did know was that *The Advertiser* did not print my letter until February 10, 2000, which was two weeks later. This proves that Bitzas' accusations are totally false and he should apologize for slandering me.

Bitzas, as he often does with others, seems to be clouding the main reason for my letter. It was not written so much to criticize him for wasting the City Council's time by rewording and bringing back an item that the council already unanimously voted on.

I wrote the letter to remind people that Bitzas is constantly grandstanding and too often taking credit for other people's good ideas and acts. As I said in my last letter, anyone who regularly watches council meetings knows how Bitzas operates and that everything he does seems to be to get votes rather than it being the right thing to do.

In closing, I would like to remind all the readers that Bitzas' only disagreement with my previous letter had to do with the wording of his Resolution and not with the other parts of my letter. Because of that, it is apparent that he is agreeing with me about his grandstanding and doing things only to get votes and not because he really cares.

Thank you,  
Ernestine Book  
Agawam

On Saturday, March 4th...

## Agawam Republican Town Comm. To Meet At Police Station

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold a meeting Saturday morning, March 4th, at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room at the Agawam Police Station.

The agenda will include the regular monthly business meeting and reports from state committee members Bob Magovern and Roberta Brundrett.

Other business on the agenda will be to set a date for the election of officers for the Republican Town Committee.

William Euliano and Anthony Bonavita will give a presentation on Agawam's Italian Sister City.

Ron LaRiviere, committee chairman, invites anyone interested in becoming an active member of the Republican Town Committee to attend this meeting.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM NOTICE!!!

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 58 Main Street, in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, March 8, 2000 upon petition of Bell Atlantic and Western Mass. Electric Company dated January 5, 2000 for permission to: Relocate pole 160B/2S and remove pole 160/2 and transfer to guy pole 160B/2S in the ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner of real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2000.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871.

PETITION NO. DRG 1364 STREET: Maple Street  
Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

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Dated this 17th day of February, 2000.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871.

PETITION NO. DRG 1362 STREET: North Street  
Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

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## from the State Senate

by State Senator Linda J. Melconian



### Who Wants To Be A Centenarian?

When I began my first term in the Senate more than a decade ago, I rarely heard of centenarians. Living to be more than 100 was an almost magical benchmark rarely achieved or even talked about.

Over the last several years, that fact has changed. Now it is rare that a month goes by that I don't have the pleasure of talking to one of our most senior citizens or writing a Senate citation commemorating someone's achievement of a century of knowledge and growth. It's clear that this trend can only accelerate as the baby boomers age.

Isn't it wonderful that we are living longer and healthier lives? Unfortunately, such monumental demographic changes never come without costs. Medical resources are strained by increasing numbers of patients with multiple, complex health needs. Seniors' personal resources are strained as rising costs eat into the budgets of those with a fixed income. Society as a whole has to adapt and change as the population ages. This change will require a collective effort by government, senior service organizations, and every senior citizen.

Spiraling medical costs, and particularly

prescription drug costs, are one of the most visible areas of concern. Right now medical coverage in the Commonwealth is in a state of crisis. The state's large HMO is in receivership, the number of senior health plans in Western Massachusetts is dwindling, and prescription drug costs are rising at the staggering rate of 18 percent a year.

The legislature is battling the problem of prescription drug costs through an expansion of the Senior Pharmacy Program. Seniors whose annual incomes are less than \$15,492 for individuals and \$20,769 for married couples are eligible for up to \$1,250 of prescription drug benefits in addition to any private insurance they may have. Seniors who have catastrophic drug costs (more than 10 percent of their income for three of the last six months) and who make less than \$41,220 for individuals and \$55,320 for married couples are eligible for an unlimited prescription benefit. (For additional information about either of these programs, please call 1-800-AGE-INFO (1-800-243-4636).)

We are also working to protect the rights of patients through the passage of comprehensive HMO reform and exploring a number of options to protect the Commonwealth's existing medical plans.

A second key area of concern is the effect that the prosperity of the last decade has had on individuals on a fixed income. Even though inflation has remained relatively mild, the good economic times have brought with them a significant increase in the value of property and the level of property taxes. These increases have forced many seniors to move out of households they have occupied for a lifetime.

In response to this problem, the Senate has pushed and the legislature passed two significant tax cuts for seniors. Starting in 2001, all seniors making less than \$40,000 (for individuals), \$50,000 (for heads of households), and \$60,000 (for married couples) will be eligible for up to \$750 in tax relief if their property taxes exceed 10 percent of

their income. If their local city or town chooses to participate, seniors will also be eligible for \$500 in tax relief in exchange for volunteering their time for their local municipalities.

Finally, the legislature is taking significant positive steps to allow seniors to fully participate in the events of our community. We have expanded public transportation in the Pioneer Valley to include night and weekend service. These expanded bus services give seniors access to a whole range of new opportunities. We continue to reach out through Golden Age Clubs and local Councils on Aging to help seniors with their day-to-day needs.

These programs are good steps that begin to address the pressing needs of the senior community. However, government action alone will not solve the problem of our changing demographics. Each senior must also take part in changing the way we treat aging. Seniors must be proactive with their health, focusing on nutrition and exercise later into life. We all know that living longer and better has more to do with lifestyle than it does prescription drugs.

Seniors must also reach out to others in need within their community. Programs like SHINE (Seniors Helping with the Insurance Needs of Elders) continue to assist seniors in navigating the complex world of medical insurance. Councils on Aging and Golden Age clubs offer numerous outreach programs and activities. Seniors can also volunteer to help each other more informally. Whether it is help getting to a doctor's appointment or making a meal for a less fortunate senior, it is often seniors themselves who are best able to assess and meet the needs of other seniors.

It is through this partnership between government and private citizens that we can best achieve our goal of living longer, healthier lives. We may not all make it to be centenarians, but by working together and helping each other, we can all enjoy longer, more active and more fruitful lives.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

##### TOR-99-10 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FEES FOR THE SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Agawam Parks and Recreation Department operates the Summer Camp Program at Perry Lane Park as a summer recreation program for the children of Agawam; and

WHEREAS, the fees for the Summer Camp Program have not been adjusted since 1997; and

#### LEGAL NOTICE

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Agawam to amend the fees for the Summer Camp Program;

NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam Town Council does hereby amend the Code of the Town of Agawam as follows:

Amend Section 103-11 of Chapter 103 entitled "FEES" as follows effective upon passage:

Delete:

Perry Lane Summer Camp, \$100.00 per 2 week session; Pre-School Playtime Program, \$60.00 per 2 week session; Teen Summer Camp, \$100.00 per

2 week session.

Add:

Perry Lane Summer Camp, \$115.00 per 2 week session; Pre-School Playtime Program, \$70.00 per 2 week session; Teen Summer Camp, \$115.00 per 2 week session.

DATED THIS 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2000.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

Robert A. Magovern, President

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## — Agawam Obituaries —

### George R. Bernier

George R. Bernier, 58, of 586 South West Street in Feeding Hills, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was a self-employed carpenter.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Feeding Hills for 35 years.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the Knox Trail Snowmobile Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Patty Austin; three daughters, Dori Rizzo of Visalia, California, and Debbie Phillips and Christine Hernandez, both of Feeding Hills; his mother, Jean Alajanian of Agawam; a brother, Ronald Bernier of Magnolia, Texas; a sister, Gail Tassinari of Feeding Hills; and three grandsons.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the George R. Bernier Benefit, in care of Westbank, 1340 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

### Genevieve L. Masucci

Genevieve L. (Cygan) Masucci, 88, of 25 Haskill Street, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

She worked at Westinghouse Corp. in Springfield for 10 years.

Born and raised in Chicopee, she lived in Agawam since 1957.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield and a member of the St. Stanislaus Choir for many years.

She leaves her husband, Frank H. Masucci; a brother, Paul Cygan of Chicopee; and a sister, Helen Banas, also of Chicopee.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund at 123 William Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

### Bruno Pello

The state Medical Examiner's Office is looking for information concerning the whereabouts of next-of-kin of Bruno Pello of 33 Liberty Avenue, Agawam, who died February 15th at home. He was born on February 23, 1932.

Anyone with information is asked to call (413) 538-6213.

### Robert G. Dionne

Robert G. Dionne, 50, of 37 Elizabeth Street, Feeding Hills, died Tuesday, February 22nd, at Noble Hospital in Westfield.

Born in Springfield, he moved to Agawam in 1965.

He was a commissions analyst for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance, where he worked for 29 years.

He also worked for a short period for Unicare, which was a division of Massachusetts Mutual, before returning to the home office of Massachusetts Mutual in Springfield.

He was 1967 graduate of Agawam High School and an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was a member of the Agawam High School Band Parents.

He was a communicant of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus Church, where he was also an usher and a worker for their yearly Catholic Stewardship appeal, and most recently a worker for St. Theresa's segment of the Diocese of Springfield's Future of Hope campaign.

He leaves his wife, the former Linda E. St. Peter; a son, Gary R. Dionne, at home; and his mother, Margaret (Rotondo) Dionne of Agawam.

The funeral will be held on Saturday, February 26th, at 11:00 a.m. from the Agawam Funeral Home, with a Mass in St. Theresa's Church at 12:00 noon. Burial will be in Agawam Center Cemetery. Calling hours are on the afternoon and evening of Friday, February 25th.

Donations may be made to the church memorial fund, 74 Bridge Street, Agawam, MA 01001-1241.

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For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

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### Ellen V. Davenport-Hale

Ellen V. (Beedy) Davenport-Hale, 91, of Agawam and formerly of North Loomis Street, Southwick, the first speech therapist in the Agawam School System, died recently at a local nursing home.

She taught in Agawam for more than 20 years before retiring. She was previously a teacher of the deaf at the Alexander Graham Bell and the Mary Sturk School for the Deaf in Maryland and was the first registered teacher in Delaware.

Born in Beldon, Michigan, she moved to Agawam in 1940 and later lived in Westfield and Southwick.

She was a graduate of Pennsylvania State College and Michigan State College, and was a former member of the Agawam Congregational Church and a member of its Bell Ringers and choir.

She was a former precinct representative for the south end of Agawam, and a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

Her first husband, Mark L. Davenport, died in 1961, and her husband, Raymond Hale, died in 1991.

She leaves three sons, David L. Davenport of Southwick, Richard M. Davenport of Old Lyme, Connecticut, and John K. Davenport of Enfield, Connecticut; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral service and burial were private in Hillcrest Park in Springfield. Byron's City Burial and Cremation Service was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, 11 Campus Lane, Easthampton, MA 01027.

### Jennie E. Dewey

Jennie E. (Luthgren) Dewey, 100, formerly of Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, died recently in a local nursing home.

She was a 40-year secretary at the former Spalding Co. in Chicopee and retired in 1946.

Born and educated in Springfield, she was a long-time area resident.

She was a member of Bethesda Evangelical Lutheran Church in Springfield.

Her husband, Henry L. Dewey, died in 1982.

She leaves nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held at Hillcrest Park Cemetery in Springfield. Byron's Allen Street Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

**Agawam Fire Chief David Pisano's "FireWise..." is a regular feature of the Advertiser News.**

## FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

### If Your Clothing Catches Fire, STOP, DROP, AND ROLL!!!

All clothing can burn, and some clothing burns more easily than others. The Agawam Fire Department recommends that if your clothing catches fire, STOP, DROP, AND ROLL to put out the flames.

Don't run or keep standing. Running will only fan the flames and make them higher. Standing up straight will make the fire burn faster.

STOP AND DROP down to the floor or ground. ROLL or rock back and forth to smother the flames. Smothering the fire cuts off its supply of oxygen so it cannot burn.

If possible, rock or roll in a rug, blanket, or coat to smother the fire faster. Attempt to cover your face with your hands to keep the fire away from your face.

When the fire is out, cool the burn with water and call the fire department or rescue squad at 911. Do not remove the burned clothing if it is stuck to the skin. Keep the victim quiet and warm until help arrives.

The fatal mistake people make in a clothing fire is to panic and run. Seconds count. The smothering action must be automatic. A trained, immediate response of STOP, DROP, AND ROLL is extremely important.

The running response occurs in all age groups, but it is prevalent in younger children. Scared children run to find parents or mistakenly think that only water can put out a fire and they run to find it. Everyone, especially children, must be taught to STOP, DROP, AND ROLL.

Parents and teachers should encourage children to practice by making a weekly game of it. Make sure that they understand when and where to use this technique.

Most clothing fires are careless accidents and can be prevented. Follow these simple rules:

- Purchase clothing made with a smooth, tight weave. Fully, lightweight, loosely woven, or loose-fitting fabric will ignite and burn much easier.
- Use caution when using or working with any heat sources or flames.

- By law, children's sleepwear must be flame-retardant at time of purchase (available in sizes up to 6X). However, the washing and care instructions must be followed to maintain the fire-retardant feature.

- Keep children away from heat sources such as candles, stoves, cigarettes, outdoor grills, matches, portable heaters, etc.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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## Families

To Feature "Songs From Hollywood"...

### Memory Lane Chorus Gearing Up For Its Next Production

The Memory Lane Chorus at the Agawam Senior Center is starting to prepare for its next big production, which will feature "Songs From Hollywood" and include music which was written primarily for a movie, or one that had been written at an earlier date and was featured prominently in a movie, but excluding songs from Broadway shows.

Regular "singing sessions" are held at the Senior Center on Tuesday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. New members are always welcome to become a part of the group or just to "sit in" for an afternoon. In trying out songs that will be considered for the final program, members of the group were given a list of nearly 300 potential songs in order to indicate their preferences as well as suggest other titles.

The next few months will be devoted to singing through as many numbers as possible: using a list that includes those that have received the most votes and then final choices will be discussed, with some considerations given to several factors; how well they seemed to go in initial singing, those wanted for solos or duets by members, and those that might provide the necessary variety of styles and tempos to the overall program.

Although previous large programs by the group have been presented during the late fall, the production of "Songs From The Movies" is expected to be given a greater amount of time for careful preparation and staging of this program.

In the meantime, the Chorus will be busy with some review of songs they have presented at many local programs during the past three years at local events, the Senior Center, and area nursing homes. Some new numbers will also be worked into these programs. On the schedule at present are performances in March, April, and May.



PICTURED ABOVE ARE members of the Agawam Senior Center's "Memory Lane Chorus" during a program performed last fall. Under the direction of Darcy Davis and featuring pianist Evelyn O'Melia, the chorus' 1999 production highlighted the "Songs of World War I."

When the group was formed several years ago for the Intergenerational Program with the High School that brought about a whole week of classroom visits and programs about World War II, the "Songs of World War II" concert featured 33 songs from that era and included chorus students from the Senior High, Junior High, and Middle School as well.

Its next program, "Memories of Broadway," was given at the Junior High School and featured 59 songs covering many decades of Broadway shows, with the assistance of nearly 200 members of the Junior High School choral

groups.

Last year, the Chorus took upon itself the "Songs of World War I" (using 47 songs) for a presentation at the Middle School that portrayed many of the thoughts and feelings of people during that time, on the battlefield and the home front. That program was previewed at the Suffield Senior Center and repeated at the Southwick High School, sponsored by the Southwick Historical Association.

Once again ... "If Singing Is Your Pleasure," you are most welcome to join in for the "Singing Afternoons" at the Senior Center.

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## Shooting Star Dancers Shine At 1st 2000 Competition

Congratulations to Shooting Star Dance Center's dance team members for doing very well at their first competition this year. They competed in Star Systems National Talent Competition in Shelton, Connecticut, on February 5th and 6th.

The junior dance team members received a gold for their performance of "Secret Agent Man." The senior dance team members received two high gold for their performance in "One Bad Stud" and "No Shelter."

Soloists also performed very well at the competition. Solo performers that received high gold awards are as follows: Laura Cote, Jessica Kodess, Karen Hadden, Michelle Cote, Patrick Lafleur, and Candace Flaherty.

Solo performers that received gold awards are as follows: Jessica Roy and Erinn Gormley. Michelle Cote and Patrick Lafleur also received a gold for their duet performance.

All dance team members were choreographed by Lynn Hadden Quinn. Good luck to all dance team members at the next upcoming competition.



LAST FALL, DANCE TEAM MEMBERS of Shooting Star Dance Center held a tag sale to raise money for their trip to "Dance At Disney" this August. IN TOP PHOTO: back row — Kaitlyn O'Connell, Erinn Gormley, Jessica Kodess, Sara Cote, Patrick Lafleur, Michelle Cote, Lauren Maloney, and Tiffany Moran; front row — Ashley Fink, Jessica Roy, Brenda Hadden, Laura Cote, Karen Hadden, and Candace Flaherty. IN PHOTO BELOW: Kaitlyn O'Connell, Carolyn Paskowsky, Brenda Hadden, Candace Flaherty, and Patrick Lafleur.

## Donations Still Being Accepted For Leonard House's Fundraiser

There is still time to donate to the Annual Friends Campaign of the Captain Charles Leonard House. During the month of February, the Board of Trustees invite all residents, social groups, and businesses to become a "Friend" by donating a gift in any amount to help with the upkeep of one of Agawam's most historic buildings.

The Captain Charles Leonard House stands as an example of a spacious Georgian Home. This two-story structure was built by Captain Charles Leonard in 1805 and it is believed to have been designed by the famed local architect, Asher Benjamin.

The house was originally built as a stagecoach tavern, and was the first overnight stop on the road from Hartford to points north. The original tavern stage door entrance remains intact. Three of the rooms have their own fireplaces with the original hearthstones, still in working order today. The wide entrance hall and upstairs hall were used for dancing.

At the far end of the entrance hall is the newly renovated Minerva Davis Meeting Room. This room is used by the public for many various functions.

Tax deductible contributions may be sent to the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.



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*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...*

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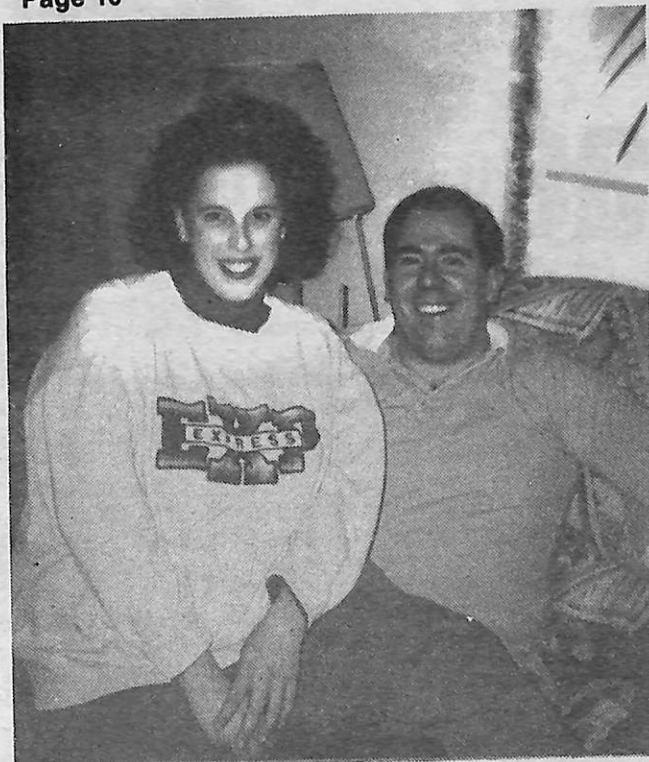
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CHRISTINE J. MALLOY &amp; DANIEL J. MCDEVITT

## Christine J. Malloy Engaged To Wed Daniel J. McDevitt

Announcement is made of the engagement of Christine J. Molloy and Daniel J. McDevitt. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dennis and Jeanne Molloy of Feeding Hills. The future bridegroom is the son of Eloise McDevitt of Holyoke.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Agawam High School and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is a pediatric registered nurse at Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Holyoke High School and Holyoke Community College with an associate's degree. He is the meat manager at Pat's Supermarket in Holyoke.

The wedding is planned for October 14th.

## Agawam Women's Club To Meet Feb. 28th At The Leonard House

The next regular meeting of the Agawam Women's Club has been scheduled for Monday, February 28th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street, Agawam.

Club members are urged to bring a guest to this meeting (husband, friend, or neighbor), as a very interesting program has been planned — namely, "Appalachian Trail" by Henry LaFeur. LaFeur has hiked the trail and has many interesting experiences to share with us.

Mrs. Charles Kistner, a member of the club, and her committee will furnish refreshments for the evening.

Any lady interested in joining the club or simply wishing to visit us will be most welcome.

On Saturday, March 4th...

## Corned Beef And Cabbage Dinner At Spfld. Turnverein

Shake off the winter blues and join us at the Springfield Turnverein for a corned beef and cabbage dinner dance on Saturday, March 4th, starting at 6:00 p.m.

The dinner includes corned beef, cabbage with all trimmings, boiled potatoes, bread and butter, coffee, and cake. Dinner is being served from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at the Springfield Turnverein.

Our D.J. will be playing for your dancing pleasure from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Please call the Club at 786-0924 for reservations no later than February 29th.

## Dr. Steve Sobel To Present Seminar On Wed., March 1st

Dr. Steve Sobel will be presenting the seminar "Play Hard Or Go Home — Providing World-Class Customer Service And Creating A Superb Team" on Wednesday, March 1st, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Best Western Hotel on Route 5 in West Springfield.

Pre-registration is highly recommended, and the cost is \$20 per person (with group discounts available).

Call 1-800-874-7189 or (413) 565-5000 to register.

On Thursday, March 16th...

## Program On "Vitamins And Your Health" At Agawam Senior Center

The Agawam Senior Center, together with Bay State Senior Class, will host Dr. Philip Gaziano in a discussion entitled, "Vitamins and Your Health."

Dr. Gaziano will discuss vitamins and the part they play in our health. A question and answer discussion will take place at the end of his presentation. The talk will take place at the Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, on Thursday, March 16th, from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Be sure to sign-up early for lunch if you plan to join us on that day. Call 786-0400, ext. 242/243.



## Benefit Dinner For Local Carpenter George Bernier

George Passed Away On Saturday, February 19th,  
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## Your Neighbors



### Lifetime Resident Of Feeding Hills Has The "Write" Idea

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

Jeanne Buoniconti retired from MassMutual in December 1999 after 25 years of service. She has lived in Feeding Hills all her life and wants to turn a unique hobby into a business of "personalized poems to go."

Jeanne originally began writing poems for her family and friends. She learned that if she was given enough personal information, she could incorporate facts, dates, and other sentimental details into a poem in just minutes. The poem could then be matted and framed, to be kept for a lifetime, given away as a gift, and even read at a special occasion, such as a retirement party.

Using imagination and creativity, Jeanne offers special techniques, such as using paper color to match the occasion. Some examples might be using red paper for Valentine's Day, pink for a baby girl, blue for a baby boy, and so on.

Several samples of Jeanne's work were available at the writing of this article. Most of them seem highly personal, appearing to be written for very specific and special people. A sample verse goes, "I hope this Valentine's Message, will leave you with a smile, As I thank my lucky stars, You are in my life a long while."

Personalized Poems to Go even uses a poem to describe the company's services:

*I'll write you up a poem,  
And have it in a day,  
To that very special person,  
With words you'd like to say.*

*You drop me off the info,  
Where you met and why you love,*



JEANNE BUONICONTI

*I'll put it down on paper,  
You'll thank the stars above.*

*Your loved ones will adore you  
For special words you say,  
For birthdays, grads and Holidays,  
I'll make a special day.*

Requests have been coming to Jeanne for her "personalized poems" for anniversaries, retirements, Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, and special holidays. "I have been present at a few functions where my poems were read, and I was surprised to see people laughing, crying, or otherwise reacting to the messages. It really made me feel that these poems, with personalized information, are well received," she said.

Her three basic areas are Personalized Poems, which give names, places, events; Special Occasion Poems, which are generic (such as for Mother's Day); and Seasonal Poems, for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Prices vary.

To reach Jeanne and get that special, individualized poem started, call her at 786-3240. Now that she is retired from MassMutual and has some extra time for her business, Hallmark probably ought to beware. We certainly wish her luck in this unique venture.

### Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, February 28th:** American chop suey, tossed salad, Vienna bread, orange.

**Tuesday, February 29th:** Baked chicken leg, sweet potatoes, lima beans, rye bread, cherry cobbler.

**Wednesday, March 1st:** Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, oatmeal bread, chocolate pudding.

**Thursday, March 2nd:** Shepherd's pie, carrot coins, whole wheat bread, pears.

**Friday, March 3rd:** Stuffed scrod, rice Pilaf, cauliflower casserole, rye bread, mixed fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

### Ag. Golden Age Club's Chapter 2 Calendar For March

**Wednesday, March 1st:** Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m., Senior Center. Slide presentation of San Francisco & Ireland by Collette Tours.

**Monday, March 6th:** Bus trip to Mohegan Sun.

**Sunday, March 12th:** Luncheon at Chez Josef. Entertainment by Irish Bash 2000. (Arrive at Chez Josef by 11:45 a.m.)

**Wednesday, March 15th:** Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m., Senior Center. Entertainment by singing group DO RE ME's.

**Friday, March 24th:** Board of Directors' meeting, 1:00 p.m., Senior Center.

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**Got A Hair, Nail, Or Beauty Problem? Send Us A Note, And We Will Answer It In Our Column...**

I search for information that I can pass along to you. I feel that knowledge is the key to understanding. With every service we perform, we like to give our clients full understanding of what we are doing.

We like to use products that respect your different needs as well as respect our environment. More men and women have increased consciousness about the ingredients in products they use. So many words are confusing and misleading.

I would like to answer a few of the most common questions I have been asked.

**What is natural?** Ingredients which originate from plant, animal, or mineral sources and remain largely as they are found in nature. Some manufacturers maintain that a product can be classified as "natural" with as little as four percent of its ingredients from natural sources.

**What is synthesized?** The joining together of different substances to form an entirely new substance. For example, in our own bodies we join sunlight (UV) and cholesterol in skin to create vitamin D. Synthetic chemicals can be "natural" in origin.

**What is meant by environmentally safe and environmentally friendly?** While there is no official definition for these terms, they are culturally understood to refer to substances which do not harm the air, water, or land during their production, use, or decomposition.

**What is environmentally conscious?** This refers to striving to not sacrifice the planet's ecology for the sake of business.

**What are Alpha Hydroxy Acids (AHAs)?** AHAs, also known as fruit acids, break down the intercellular glue that binds dead skin cells to the face and body. Using products containing AHAs helps to buff away these cells, making skin look and feel smoother.

**What are Antioxidants?** They are vitamins such as beta carotene, A and E, and substances such as green tea and grape seed extract which counteract the damaging effects of free radicals, which accelerate the aging process.

**What are Free Radicals?** Rogue oxidants that are generated by sunlight, pollution, stress, and smoking which damage the skin by destabilizing its proper functioning.

**What is the difference between an Emollient and a Humectant?** An emollient is used in skin-care products to hydrate and soften the skin. A humectant is an ingredient in cosmetic preparations used to assist the skin in retaining moisture. Did you know that **Hyaluronic Acid** is the skin's natural humectant, which attracts water from the air and binds it to the skin? Some cosmetic preparations contain this to help hydrate the skin.

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For further ticket information, please contact George Kachon at 413-783-1615.

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**Ag. Golden Age  
Club's Chapter 1  
Calendar For March**

**Friday, March 3rd:** Board of Directors' meeting, Senior Center, 1:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 8th:** Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m. Entertainment by Memory Lane Chorus (directed by Darcy Davis).

**Saturday, March 11th:** A trip to Chez Josef in Agawam for entertainment of Irish songs and musical comedy at the "Irish Bash 2000."

**Wednesday, March 22nd:** Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m. An afternoon of wishful winning of Gift Bingo.

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For more information, call trip organizer Ed Organek, 786-2453. Reminder to renew your dues for this Millennium year 2000.

Membership is open to all Agawam seniors wishing to join. Call Helen Rogers, Membership chairperson, 786-3756.

**The Jeffway Family  
Announces Birth Of  
Daughter, Mary**

Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Jeffway, Jr. of Leeds announce the birth of their fifth child, a daughter, on January 12, 2000.

The child has been named Mary in honor of the Blessed Mother.

Mary's siblings are Robbie, 9; twins Nicholas and Alexandra, 7; and David, 3.

Mrs. Jeffway is the former Celeste Regina DiPietro, daughter of Gloria DiPietro of Agawam and the late John DiPietro.

On the paternal side, Robert and Louise Jeffway of Northampton are the grandparents, and Irene DiPaolo of Florence is the great-grandmother.

The Jeffway children and their cousins, Maria and Christina DiPietro of Holden, and Michael and John DiPietro of Suffield, Connecticut, are the great-grandchildren of the late Elio and Regina (Balboni) Savioli of Agawam.

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## Veterans' Corner...

### Bronze Star For Recipients Of Combat Infantryman's Badge For WWII Vets Only

by Ruth C. Bitzas  
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

I had been mistakenly led to believe that veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars were also entitled to a Bronze Star for receipt of the CIB medal. While I filed for a Bronze Star medal for a Korean War veteran, I received a letter from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis advising that ONLY World War II veterans were eligible for the Bronze Star by virtue of receipt of the CIB medal.

I received documentation that the Bronze Star may be awarded to WWII veterans for exemplary conduct in ground combat against an armed enemy between 7 December 1941 and 2 September 1945 in receipt of the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

According to "Military Awards" information received, I read the following in item (3): Upon letter application, award of the Bronze Star Medal may be made to eligible soldiers who participated in the Philippine Islands Campaign between 7 December 1941 to 10 May 1942. Performance of duty must have been on the island of Luzon or the Harbor Defenses in Corregidor and Bataan.

Only soldiers who were awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation (Presidential Unit Citation) may be awarded this decoration. Letter application should be sent to Commander, ARPERCEN, ATTN: DARP-VSE-A, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO, 63132-5200.

This week's Honor Roll are those Agawam Home of Record veterans who served on active duty during the Korean War and whose last names begin with the letters "K" or "L."

#### AGAWAM KOREAN WAR VETS — "K" & "L":

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## AHS's Class Of 1979 To Hold 20th Reunion In March

#### Attention, AHS class of 1979!

Our 20-year reunion will be held on March 11, 2000 at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield. You must get your tickets in advance! Call Barbara (Plante) Bard at 786-4847 ASAP.

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## Investment Seminar Slated For Feb. 29th At Agawam Library

The Agawam Public Library and BankBoston will be sponsoring an investment seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 29th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the library.

The program will be helpful to people interested in saving for education and retirement. Lou Tomisello from Nationwide will inform attendees about annuities. Another speaker will discuss mutual funds.

Paul Pierce, a financial services counselor from BankBoston, will also be available to answer your questions.

The program is free and open to the public. Please register in person or call 789-1550.

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## Heritage Hall Seeks One-On- One Volunteers

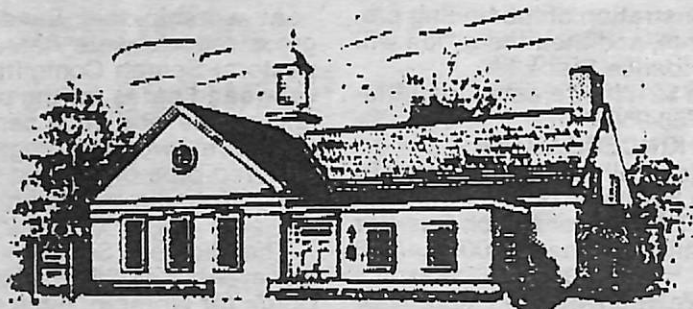
Heritage Hall Centers, 61 Cooper Street, Agawam is seeking interested people ages 14 and older to volunteer as one-on-one companions for our visiting program.

Whatever your hobby or schedule, there is a volunteer job that is right for you. Volunteers read to residents, take them for walks, play cards, provide nail care, make crafts, and garden with their companion, just to name a few.

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## Church News

### Parish News And Notes From St. John's Church

#### FRIENDLY VISITORS

"Friendly Visitors" is our new program to visit our parishioners in Heritage Hall.

If you wish to be involved, call Annette Reynolds, 786-4977; Marie Demerest, (860) 741-3931; Ray Provost, 786-6483; or Paula Raiche, 789-0244.

#### AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES

Our Parish Singles Club will meet on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

The next meeting on March 9th will feature information on legal matters of concern to singles. Attorney Thomas Martinelli will be the speaker.

#### ST. JOHN'S OVER-60 CLUB

The Club trip to the North Hadley Sugar Shack will be on Thursday, March 2nd. The bus will leave the parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Lunch at the Sugar Shack will be at 11:30 a.m.

There will be a demonstration of the boiling process (weather permitting), and then the group will go on to a tour of Providence Place.

The cost of the trip is \$21. If interested, call Barbara, 569-9830, or Lil, 786-9586.

#### ST. THOMAS KINDERGARTEN

Families interested in a full-day kindergarten in the fall may register on February 29th (for siblings who are already at St. Thomas) or March 2nd (for all other interested families). Time is 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Children must be five years-old by September 1st. Please bring Social Security number, as well as the birth and baptismal records.

#### INTERESTED IN A THERAPEUTIC TOUCH?

A workshop for all who would like to explore a technique for achieving relaxation, peace of mind, and mental and physical healing will be held at Mercy Memorial Auditorium starting March 2nd.

For information, call Sr. Virginia Sheehan, SND, at 567-2292.

#### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Coming up (March 31st-April 2nd) in Lenox. For information, call Bob or Marie at 783-0889.

#### BIBLE STUDY

Our Diocesan Religious Education Office is sponsoring a workshop designed to motivate Catholics to begin or reinvigorate parish Bible Study.

This workshop will be held at the Bishop Marshall Center at St. Michael's Cathedral on Saturday, March 18th, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. A fee of \$7 will include lunch.

Registration deadline is February 25th. For more information, call 452-0810.

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### Calendar From Ag. Congregational

Worship at the Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam) on Sunday, February 27th, is at 10:30 a.m., and Church School will take place at 9:00 a.m. (for seventh-through 12th-graders) and during the 10:30 a.m. service (for Crib Room through sixth-graders).

The congregation will celebrate the Sacrament of Christian Baptism, and the service will be built upon the Lectionary texts for the day (including Mark 2:12-22).

The interim pastor, the Rev. Dr. Eric Bascom, will preach on the topic, "Fresh Skins for New Wine."

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The church expects to receive new members in March, and the pastor and the Board of Directors are planning a series of orientation sessions for those interested.

They are urged to call the church office, 786-7111, or the pastor, 782-3858, in order to make the arrangements.

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At worship last Sunday, February 20th, progress reports were heard on two concerns. The pastoral Search Committee is preparing to interview candidates for the position of settled pastor and has several such persons on schedule.

Second, work is progressing on parts for the restored pipe organ and it is hoped that installation can begin by March 1st.

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The Midweek Service now meets each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Join us in the Fellowship Room for worship, bible study, and fellowship.

All are welcome to attend.

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Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

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Mark your calendars today! The Marie & Nick Zucco Scholarship Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, March 12th, at 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Board of Deacons, this dinner is FREE, with donations requested for the Zucco Scholarship Fund.

Graduating seniors and continuing education students of members of the church and the Zucco family are eligible for these scholarships.

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For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

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### Valley Community Church's Calendar Of Events/Activities

A warm welcome to all who are seeking the Lord and a place of worship. If you belong to the Lord Jesus, we belong together. If you are a seeker, let us share with you what we found in Him.

Valley Community Church is a non-denominational church located atop the hill at 152 S. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. We invite you to attend our Sunday worship service or our many fellowship activities listed below:

**Thursday, February 24th:** 7:00 p.m., Open Prayer Time.

**Friday, February 25th:** 5:30 p.m., Parish Life Pot Luck Supper with Rev. Stephen Dennehy (who'll be sharing his experiences from his mission trip to Mexico).

**Saturday, February 26th:** 10:00 a.m., Angel Choir rehearsal in Sanctuary (for three to eight year-olds).

**Sunday, February 27th:** 9:30 a.m., Worship Service, with Pastor Gene de Jongh preaching; 10:30 a.m., Fellowship in Dunn Hall; 11:00 a.m., Christian Education classes for all ages; 2:00 p.m., STAGE's production of "The Lion, The Witch, & The Wardrobe" (call 789-2026 for tickets/information).

**Wednesday, March 1st:** 6:15 p.m., Jr. Choir rehearsal; 7:00 p.m., Sr. Choir rehearsal.

*On Saturday, March 11th...*

### Family-Style Ham And Bean Supper Slated At First Baptist Church

The public is invited to a family-style ham and bean supper at First Baptist Church of Agawam, located at the corner of Main and Elm Streets in Agawam.

The supper will take place on Saturday, March 11th, with servings at 4:45 p.m. or 6:15 p.m.

The menu will include baked ham, homemade beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, beverage (coffee, tea, or milk), and assorted homemade pies for dessert.

The cost is \$7.50 for adults, and \$3 for children under 10 years of age.

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For many people, the end of the 1900s and the dawning of a new millennium brings with it the hope that life will be different. Yet one doesn't have to be endowed with the gift of prophecy to know that life is destined to continue as it was in the last millennium. For example, we can be

sure that death will continue to be inescapable. We know that no one today will live to see the year 3000.

Because death is inescapable, we must answer this very thought-provoking and personal question: Have you made sure of your heavenly reservations? It's not too late. You need to put your trust in Jesus Christ now for forgiveness and cleansing of your sin. You then will have a guaranteed reservation for that home in glory (Jn. 14:2), and you can be assured that you'll celebrate with the Lord for all eternity. Make your reservation today! —VCG

*There is a place reserved in heaven*

*For all who have believed;*

*Eternal life is freely given*

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IT'S NEVER TOO SOON TO PLAN FOR ETERNITY.



**Church News - continued...***On Saturday, March 4th...***3rd Annual "Brew & Stew" At Immaculate Conception Parish**

The West Springfield Main Street Catholic Community's Third Annual "Brew & Stew" will take place on Saturday, March 4th, at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 485 Main Street, West Springfield.

Come and meet the 2000 West Springfield "Colleen Court" and other award winners at this celebration of Irish tradition.

The festivities will commence at 4:00 p.m. with a "Celebratory Liturgy," followed by a social hour at 5:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., homemade Irish stew will be served, and dancing and sing-a-longs are scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets to the "Brew & Stew" are \$10 each and can be obtained by calling the Immaculate Conception rectory at 736-4071 or any of the following committee members: Terry Croteau, 785-5067; Marge Baker, 733-8747; Mary Ruth Kane, 736-6663; or Leslie Eickelberg, 746-4098.

Reservations for tables can be made by calling Marge Baker, 733-8747.

**Public Is Invited To Attend Agawam United Methodist**

The Agawam United Methodist Church is a small, family church located at 459 Mill Street (across from Agawam High School), and we invite you to join us for worship, Lenten bible study, or choir.

Our worship service is on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Bible study will be meeting on Wednesday evenings (March 8th to April 19th) from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and will be led by Pastor Beryl S. Notman.

**News & Notes From F.H. Congregational**

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 10:00 a.m. and will this week include the collection of our pledges to the Gift & Promise special campaign.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "When Change Comes from God." The Lector will be Chris Chapman. The Bible reading is Mark 2:18-22.

Ushers will be Diane Lindeland and Connie Haynes. Samantha Justilian and Jeff Chapman will be our Acolytes. Children, who are invited to attend worship with adults, will be dismissed for Sunday School at a designated time. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The Confirmation Class will meet in Southwick on Wednesday, March 1st, at 6:30 p.m.

Due to the cancellation of the meeting scheduled for February 19th, the Executive Committee of the Agawam Parish Association will meet at Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Monday, March 6th, at 7:30 p.m.

On the calendar:

**Sunday, February 27th:** 10:00 a.m., Gift & Promise Sunday; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

**Monday, February 28th:** 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.

**Tuesday, February 29th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Lay Minister.

**Wednesday, March 1st:** 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Confirmation (Southwick); 7:30 p.m., Choir.

**Thursday, March 2nd:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption Bible study.

*For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...*

**Announcements From Faith Bible Church**

On Sunday, February 27th, we will be holding a membership induction for all who are interested in becoming new members.

On February 25th and 26th, our ladies will be going on a Women's Retreat in Lenox, MA. They are sure to have a weekend of learning, fellowship, laughter, and some time without family commitments.

We're sure they'll come back relaxed and with many new friends in the Lord.

We'd like to welcome new little ones to our church.

The Dusza family had a beautiful baby boy, Nathan, and the Smith family had a beautiful baby girl, Grace.

It's such a blessing to watch these new little lives and the joy they bring.

Our monthly potluck dinner will be held on Friday, March 24th, at 6:00 p.m.

All are invited to join us.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****AT FAITH BIBLE CHURCH**

**Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., Adult Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Service; 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., Coffee/Fellowship.

**Tuesday:** 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Bible Study/Book of Revelation.

**Wednesday:** 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Prayer; 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Praise & Worship Service.

**First & Third Thursday:** 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Young Ladies Bible Study (at the Michalak home).

**Friday:** 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Youth Group.

**Saturday:** 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., Leadership Prayer & Meeting; 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Open Prayer; 9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Bible Study; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Music Practice; 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., Outreach.

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## "Divorce Care" Seminar At Bethany Assembly Of God

It's hard to know how to help someone who is going through a divorce. It takes a long time and a lot of work to heal the pain that comes with the breakup of a marriage.

Divorce Care is a special weekly videotape seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced. Participants will learn there are others who understand what they are feeling and facilitators will be able to offer encouragement.

Most importantly, attendees learn how to deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding life. Leadership teams consist of people who understand how participants feel and have a real concern for individuals who are experiencing separation and divorce.

If you know someone going through a divorce, make sure they know about Divorce Care. It might just be the best thing you could do to help. Wednesday is Family Night at Bethany, so seminar participants are welcome to bring their children to participate in youth fellowship while they attend Divorce Care. Join us or refer a friend to the next **Divorce Care Seminar**, starting Wednesday, March 1st from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Room 104.

Cost is a one-time \$10 fee (scholarships available). For more information and to register, call (413) 789-2930, Bethany Assembly of God, 580 Main Street, Agawam (www.bethany-ag.org).

## Agawam Catholic Singles Group To Meet Tues., March 9th

This group is composed of single adults who are divorced, separated, widowed, or never married.

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center, 823 Main Street, Agawam.

Our next meeting, scheduled for March 9th, will feature information on legal matters of concern to singles. Attorney S. Thomas Martinelli will be the guest speaker.

For further information, contact Joan, 789-0774, or John, 786-2273.

## Nocturnal Adoration Soc. To Meet Mar. 3rd

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Anthony's Church in Agawam to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, March 3rd from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.



### Reflections...

submitted by  
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### Praise The Lord, And Forget Not All His Benefits...

In Psalm 103, we are instructed to offer praise to God. We are to praise God, not only because He alone is worthy of praise by virtue of who and what He is, that is to say, the creator and sustainer of the universe. We are instructed to praise God because of what He does for us. **"Praise the Lord, o my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name. Praise the Lord, o my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."**

The first benefit the Psalmist enumerates is probably the best and most important of all: He **forgives all your sins**. Now, many people might think that there are more important or more immediate benefits they'd like to receive from God; perhaps health, or love, or money, or peace. But, as important as those things are, they are ultimately meaningless if we are estranged from God. Sin separates people from God, therefore our greatest need is to be forgiven.

God doesn't just forgive us our sins. He pours out immeasurable love to anybody who respects Him and responds to Him. He lavishes forgiveness upon us. **He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.**

The heavens are pretty high above the earth, just ask any astronaut. That's how the Holy Spirit, speaking through the Psalmist, describes the measure of God's love. Anybody who travels north long enough will eventually start traveling south, and vice versa; but no matter how long or far a person travels east, he or she will never start traveling west, without changing direction. **As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us** means our sins are gone forever.

God's love and forgiveness go hand in hand. You can't get one without the other. And who would want to even try, if we understand the heart of God. As a father has compassion on his

children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed.

God doesn't expect us to be perfect; He knows better than that! But, God does expect us to be obedient, in response to His great love towards us. **He made known His ways to Moses, His deeds to the people of Israel.**

Can any of us honestly say we've always done everything and nothing wrong? Most assuredly not! If we realize the love and compassion of God, and His willingness, even His passion, to forgive us all our sins, how could we not respond to Him?

When God first made the earth, He surveyed it and everything and everybody He had created. **God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.** There was no sorrow, no pain, no illness. Everything worked just the way it was supposed to, until that awful day when our earliest ancestors experimented with sin and ushered in a new era.

We still live in that era today. We live in a world marred by sorrow, pain, and illness. **Praise the Lord ... who heals all your diseases.** Jesus healed many people during His ministry on earth, and the healing still goes on to this day through His church, and through the release of wisdom God gives us through scientific and medical discoveries.

Unfortunately, the healing is not complete all the time for all the people. We don't know all the reasons why, except that we still live in an imperfect world where sin, ignorance, and faithlessness still have influence.

In spite of the imperfections with which we must cope, **praise the Lord ... who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

There are some people who are so angry with God because of the brokenness which humankind has wrought upon the world, that they refuse to respond to His love, much less praise Him. However, they "are cutting off their own noses to spite their faces," as the saying goes. Others ignorantly refuse to believe in God because the world is not perfect. They forget it's us, not God, who make the world not perfect!

**Forget not all His benefits.** Let's face it, we have to be told not to forget all His benefits, because we're so prone to forget them, and then spend so much time complaining about what we don't like that after a while, we don't remember all the many things we do like.

It is fitting that we praise the Lord for all that He is, as well as for everything He has done for us. Praising God is spiritually and emotionally healthy for us. Each one of us should give it a try. We'll be impressed by the results, and put ourselves in good company.

**Praise the Lord, you His angels ... Praise the Lord, all His heavenly hosts ... Praise the Lord, all His works everywhere in His dominion. Praise the Lord, o my soul.**

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*Church News - continued...*

## Upcoming Events And Activities At First Baptist Church

Sunday morning worship begins at 9:30 at First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam.

Childcare is available during worship. Following worship is a time for coffee and fellowship and then Sunday School classes for all ages.

Two adult classes are offered - the Pastor's class, "The Hurried Family," and the study of the Old Testament class led by Rev. Mercy Gonzalez-Barnes.

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It's "Family Night" this Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. Our Production Team has planned a program that is sure to please everyone.

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Our Parent-Child "Play Group" meets every Tuesday morning. This church-sponsored weekly event is for parents with children under four years of age.

The children are introduced to the Bible through activities (puzzles, books, movies, songs, and prayer). The parent share in the activities as well as enjoy fellowship with one another. This program is under the leadership of Sandra Taft-Fairlee.

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*At Feeding Hills Congregational Church...*

## Operation Friendship Schedules Roast Beef Dinner For Saturday, March 4th

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a Roast Beef Dinner on March 4th.

Dinner will consist of roast beef and gravy, mashed potatoes, tossed salad, vegetable, bread

and butter, dessert, and beverage. There will be continuous servings from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The cost is \$7.50 for adults, \$4 for children under 12, and free for children under five. Reservations are appreciated; call 786-8743 or 786-9780.

Walk-ins are welcome.

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*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...*

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## Spotlight On Business

“And The Winner Is...”



**GIOVANNI'S ITALIAN PASTRY & COFFEE SHOP**, located at 719 Main Street in Agawam Center, recently held a drawing for a 12x16-inch rum cake to commemorate Presidents' Day. At 12:00 noon last Friday, February 18th, the winner was picked at random, and the lucky recipient of the delicious rum cake was ... Dean Saracino, owner of Agawam Medical Supply. (Congratulations, Dean!) Pictured above with the rum cake are Bruno and Teresa Russo, owners and operators of Giovanni's. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Kathy Rose Named Top Producer...



**KATHY ROSE** (left) was recently named the 1999 leader for the Westfield office of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates. Congratulating Rose on her award is Barry Boccasile, Vice-President of the company. Rose was presented with her plaque at Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates' Agawam office (located at 770 Main Street). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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## Your Automobile Insurance

Automobile insurance is sometimes complex and confusing. There are four (4) parts to Compulsory Insurance, that is, insurance that you must have, and eight (8) parts to Optional Insurance, that is, insurance you may choose to purchase.

This article examines one aspect of the various different types of coverage.

### MEDICAL PAYMENTS

Medical Payments is optional coverage. That is, you don't have to purchase it. But, should you?

Many believe that if they have major medical health insurance that covers them after the personal injury protection benefits are exhausted, usually after the first \$2,000 in medical bills and lost wages (see Volume 1, February 2000 of my legal memos), they don't need medical payments coverage.

The problem is that most major health insurers are entitled to be **paid back** from the proceeds of any pain and suffering settlement and/or judgment an injured party might receive. This right is commonly provided for in the major health insurance contract and in so, called "subrogation rights."

Therefore, if your medical bills exceed your PIP coverage (usually \$2,000) say by \$8,000 and you settle your case for \$8,000, that entire settlement will have to be paid back to your major health carrier. The injured party ends up with zero!

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**Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.**

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### Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

by Sue & Charlie Alvanos  
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### Five Ways The Internet Can Boost Your Business...

Computer and business gurus tell us almost daily how the Internet is transforming the way we live and work. But beyond a few highly visible companies selling books, travel deals, or stock online, is the Internet really helping small businesses catch more dollars?

The answer for almost any kind of small enterprise is a resounding "yes." Consider these facts related in the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) recent report, "Small Businesses Venture Into E-Commerce":

- Traffic online, already estimated in the hundreds of millions of surfers per day, has been doubling about every 100 days.

- Online retail marketing is experiencing about 200 percent growth annually.

- U.S. small businesses (defined as having fewer than 100 employees) earned an estimated \$3.5 billion in e-commerce sales in 1997, and that figure is projected to rise to \$25 billion to \$300 billion during the next decade.

- The percentage of small businesses with access to the Internet nearly doubled from 21.5 percent to 41.2 percent between 1996 and 1998 — and 35 percent of small businesses now have an Internet site.

While the growth of retail sales over the Internet is impressive, small businesses are finding many other ways to use the Internet to boost their bottom line. These include advertising and prospecting, market research, customer service, business-to-business commerce, and employee recruitment.

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**1. Advertising and prospecting.** Whether you sell autos or antiques, thousands of potential customers are online at any one time. An Internet site lets you create a virtual billboard or brochure that's instantly accessible to people anywhere in the world. You can guide prospects to your site by indexing it under various words in search engines such as Yahoo, Lycos, Alta Vista, and others. Plus, you can buy ads from search engines and other Internet information providers that are displayed when users key in certain words or visit sites related to your business.

Internet advertising is not only a relatively cost-effective way to reach many people, it can also allow you to quickly change your message to reflect various promotions, price changes, or offerings. Prospects who read your message and want more information can be prompted to contact you with a simple click of their mouse.

**2. Market research.** The ease of communication enabled by the Internet also makes it easier and cheaper to solicit opinions, suggestions, likes, and dislikes of customers and prospects in your market. Internet technology also enables you to track what pages on your site people visit, how long they stay there, and what sites they came from and which ones they went to next.

As the SBA notes, an estimated 35 percent of small businesses maintain sites on the Web, which provides you with another rich source of information about your market and competitors.

**3. Customer service.** What small business wouldn't want to have a customer service representative on duty seven days a week, 24 hours a day, to offer product and service information, receive inquiries, and direct them to the appropriate person or department?

A Web site may do the job at a fraction of the cost of a round-the-clock employee. Online customer service can not only reduce your personnel costs while improving service, it also cuts long-distance phone and postage charges.

**4. Business-to-business commerce.** More and more businesses, large and small, are using the Internet as a conduit for supply transactions. According to the SBA report, it is estimated that in 2000, almost one-third of all business-to-business transactions will be performed via e-commerce. Whether you sell to other businesses, are supplied by others, or both, the sales, logistics, and

cost-saving potential of e-commerce simply can't be ignored.

**5. Employee recruitment.** Today's hot economy means most small businesses are struggling to find, hire, and keep quality employees. Just as the Web can help you reach prospects with advertising, it can help you identify available, suitable employee candidates. Your site can even include an employment application that job-seekers can complete and e-mail directly to you. In addition to listing job openings at your site, you can list open positions with any of several online job-search services.

As with any major business initiative, you'll want to thoroughly plan your Internet strategy and goals before moving forward. Things to consider include an e-marketing plan, budget, and who will do the technical work in putting your site online and keeping it current. A Web consultant can be a valuable resource in taking full advantage of all your Internet opportunities, while a financial advisor can help with the financial aspects.

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## Spotlight On Business - continued...



SARAH MANCINELLI

## Sarah Mancinelli Named Assistant V.P. At Hampden Savings

Hampden Savings Bank (HSB) has announced the promotion of Sarah Mancinelli to an Assistant Vice President. Ms. Mancinelli has been the manager of the Hampden Savings Bank Full Service Office (FSO) at 220 Westfield Street in West Springfield since last year.

Ms. Mancinelli brings over 25 years of local banking experience to her new position as well as a strong commitment to servicing the community she works in. She continues to manage a staff of 10 customer service representatives and tellers at this location.

A resident of South Deerfield, she has served as Treasurer for the Hampshire County Business and Professional Women and as Co-Chairperson of Yearly Events for the Amherst Chamber of Commerce. She also is a member of West Springfield Partnership for Education.

Hampden Savings Bank is a 147 year-old financial institution serving businesses, families, and individual customers throughout Western Massachusetts with assets currently estimated in excess of \$240 million. It remains the only independently operated bank headquartered in Springfield.

## Steve Stassen Of Agawam Joins Ashton Services, Inc.

Due to significant growth in sales and customer base, the area's leading Internet Service Provider and Web Development firm, Ashton Services, Inc., has added two new staff members to its team: Sean Sullivan-Daley as a new Webmaster, and Steve Stassen as a Software Developer.

With a degree from the University of Massachusetts in Graphic Design and Color Theory, Sullivan-Daley comes to Ashton with more than five years' experience and was most recently the Image Coordinator for Advanced Imaging in Amherst. Sullivan-Daley lives in Leverett with his wife, Tammy.

Stassen, a graduate of Westfield State College, also has more than five years' computer experience. He most recently held a position with AMS Services in Connecticut. Stassen and his wife, Betsie, reside in Agawam.

David A. Flaherty, President of Ashton Services, Inc., commented that, "We are pleased to welcome Steve and Sean to our team, and know that they will only enhance the quality of service and products we offer our customers."

Ashton Services, Inc., is Springfield's most experienced web development company and a leading provider of comprehensive business Internet services, with an emphasis in developing custom software, user-maintainable sites, and sophisticated E-Commerce solutions.

For more information on Ashton Services, Inc., please contact Lisa Reinhardt at (413) 746-9661 or (860) 653-9259. The company's headquarters are located in the STCC Technology Park at One Federal Street, Springfield, MA.



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- When your family changes by birth, death, marriage, separation, or divorce.
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*Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and the Principal of THE PIONEER GROUP, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers and sellers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to his office (731-6800) or his e-mail (RaymondRose@aol.com). Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter, THE PIONEER REPORT - Online. It's filled with enjoyable and informative info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!*

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## Special Loans For Various Homebuyers

"Typically, one of the biggest barriers to owning a home is raising the funds necessary for the down payment," said Raymond Rose, an Exclusive Buyer's Agent from The Pioneer Group, the largest real estate office in Western Massachusetts that represents homebuyers exclusively, "and while most individuals and families believe that buying a home with no money down is some type of gimmick, there are currently a wide variety of special loan programs now available for both first-time buyers and move-up buyers which require little or no money down." They include:

- **VA Loans** ... offer 100 percent financing. The homebuyers must be (must have been) a veteran of the Armed Forces with an honorable discharge. Also, individuals in the Guards or Reserves with a minimum of six years of service also qualify.

- **Rural Housing Program** ... offers 100 percent financing. The Federal Government offers this program to individuals and families that are looking to live in the suburbs.

- **Fresh Start Program** ... offers 100 percent financing. An FHA Program with assistance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Less than perfect credit is acceptable.

- **FHA Loan Program** ... offers 97 percent financing. Family members can "gift" the down payment to the buyers.

- **GE Cash Savers Plus** ... offers 100 percent financing. The homebuyer must have good credit.

"Also, in most cases, the closing costs can be "rolled into" the mortgage and be paid by the sellers. Thus, in all the cases listed above, a homeowner can literally buy a home without spending any money," said Mr. Rose. Also, each of these loan programs offer low fixed interest rates!

If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in determining if you qualify for these programs, simply listen to the recorded info message at 846-0923. All callers will receive a FREE Home Buyers Kit with complete information and a FREE Pre-Qualification Application.

## Hampden Savings' New Trustees, Etc.

Hampden Savings Bank president Thomas R. Burton has announced the following additions to the Bank's Board of Trustees and Board of Corporators.

Mary Ellen Canavan, president of United Personnel Services, Inc. was appointed to the Board of Trustees and Dot Lortie, GRI, president of Dot Lortie Realty, Inc., Richard J. Moriarty, CPA, president of Moriarty & Primack, and Peter A. Picknelly, Jr., president of Peter Pan Bus Lines, Inc. were appointed to the Board of Corporators at the Bank's Annual Meeting in February.

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## Living In The Box

A number of you contacted me to ask for more information about what I meant last week by *Living Outside The Lines*. I direct you to a really valuable resource for me, that I think every adult and child should own and re-read over and over again: the "children's" book by Crockett Johnson, HAROLD and the PURPLE CRAYON.

Harold teaches us what *living in the box* is **not!** One evening, Harold sets off on an adventure, a walk in the moonlight. But there wasn't any moon which, of course, he needed for a walk in the moonlight. Fortunately, he brought his purple crayon. So he drew a moon. He also needed something to walk on. So he drew a path ... and so on and so on.

In my opinion, Harold launches us into the best of what feminine circular thinking and relating offers. He is not bound to the linear masculine cause and effect way of thinking that helps keep everything risk free and safely *inside the box*.

No, Harold ventures forth creatively initiating new ideas and possibilities, while steadily moving into very *outside the lines* living and problem solving.

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A significant sticking point keeping many individuals *living in the box* is one's family system. Families tend to promote ways of living for their members that help primarily to support the family's survival and not necessarily the promotion of any member's own individuality. Sacrificing one's self for the sake of the marriage (partner) is also very common.

Families (especially those more dysfunctional) usually limit the potential of its members for the apparent greater good of serving the family (identity) and needs. There is an inherent conflict, I believe, between the good of the family and the good of the individual members. How this conflict is identified, talked about, and resolved is Harold's genius.

I think both circular (feminine) and linear (masculine) ways of thinking and relating are necessary co-participants in how we both survive and relate as a family unit and how they promote one's individuality. I can't answer for you, nor do I presume to know if you even agree with my assessment about these forms of thinking, but I do invite your consideration.

In what ways can you identify how you *live in the box*? You probably don't need to look very far. Investigate relationships within your birth family, your friendships and marriage, your way of parenting, or manner in which you perform your occupation.

The question that I propose to you is not which way of thinking or living is best, but which way of thinking and living would help best take care of you? For I believe, **quality caregiving to 'self' promotes true giving of 'self' to another without "loss of one's self."** And the corresponding paradox is also true that **in giving of one's self one can gain self in return.**

My point is by seriously caring for my self, I too, like Harold, can risk *living the adventure outside the lines* rather than simply living in the box watching

"Let's Talk about it" is a regular weekly feature from Dan Pender, MA., M.F.T. Marriage & Family Therapist. Dan maintains a private practice in Agawam, MA. He is a Clinical member of the American Association of Marriage & Family Therapy. He is also a local professional Church educator and can be reached by e-mail (AOL screen name: dpmft449) or P.O. Box 449, Agawam, MA 01001, (413) 789-4460. Please respond with your feedback, relationship questions and topics and "Let Talk about it."

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**Diabetes Support Group:** Tuesday, February 29th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals who have diabetes and their support persons.

At this meeting, Carol Palmer, Director of Health and Fitness at the Westfield YMCA, will speak about exercise. Sara Sabelawski, M.Ed., R.D., will answer questions about nutrition and diabetes.

For more information, call (413) 568-2811, ext. 5178.

### PROGRAM

**Smoking Cessation Program - "Forgetting Cigarettes" with Joseph Barako, R.N., Certified Hypnotherapist:** Sundays, March 19th and 26th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program uses hypnosis to eliminate your desire for smoking and allows you to forget cigarettes forever. The registration fee for this program is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session.

Seating is limited, and pre-registration is necessary. To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's HEALTH BEAT at (413) 568-2328.

## Support For Children Of Cancer Patients

Learning that your parent has cancer is difficult for children of all ages. But discovering you're not alone and sharing your feelings and concerns with others in the same situation can help.

Children of area cancer patients have that opportunity, through a support group which meets monthly at Mercy Hospital. The group's next meeting will take place Monday, March 6th, 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

Meetings are led by skilled facilitators from Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department and are free of charge. Persons of all ages are welcome.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

## Breast Cancer Support Group At Mercy Hosp.

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, will meet March 7th and 21st, 5:30-7:00 p.m., in the Women's Pavilion, 299 Carew St.

The group is open to women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer or who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

For more information, call the Women's Pavilion, (413) 748-9080.

## Mercy Hospital's Asthma Resource Group Slates Meeting For Tuesday, March 7th

Mercy Hospital's Asthma Resource Group will meet Tuesday, March 7th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in room 137 of the Weldon Center for Rehabilitation, 233 Carew St., Springfield.

The free group is designed for adults with

asthma and parents of children with asthma. The group, facilitated by Linda Chastain, R.N., R.R.T. and Donna Hawk, R.R.T., offers assistance in asthma management, support, and education.

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## Managing YOUR STRESS

by Dr. Stephen Sobel  
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### Ten Stress Reduction Tips For The New Millennium...

1. PICK YOUR ARGUMENTS CAREFULLY! Be sure that what you feel you need to argue about is a high-priority item. "Will it be worth it two years from now?" is a good question to ask. Do not make mountains out of molehills is another way of saying this. Stay away from people as much as possible that consider arguing a form of entertainment.
2. Stay as optimistic as possible, despite others' negative and doubtful opinions. Negative people can be a very powerful influence on your health and happiness. Listen to joyful music and sing in the car. Don't be afraid to occasionally listen to public radio.
3. Write one kind letter a day to someone you think needs it. It will help them out and will also restore YOUR spirit. Resist the temptation to pass gas during staff meetings (a strategy only good for short-term revenge).
4. Laugh out loud more often than you do; it will remind others what is important. Take in the sounds of the genuine laughter of children — it tends to get you "back on track." And remember, children are our greatest natural resource!
5. Do not live in the past — odds are that you have already been there! Holding grudges will guarantee hardening of the attitude and other costly conditions. Bring in a new plant to replace the one that has actually been dead for six months.
6. Schedule time for regular walks with a good friend; there need not be any conversation. Treat people like you treat your pets ... with love, deep caring, and with forgiveness. Drink your cranberry juice out of a distinguished-looking wine glass.
7. Keep believing in the tooth fairy. Who said you knew everything? (Did you know that the tooth fairy is married to the sandman?)
8. Read the book "Tuesdays With Maury" several times. You will become a more patient and tolerant human being. Your perception about what is truly important may undergo evaluation as a result of this book.
9. Drink plenty of good water and let someone else eat the last donut. When in doubt, fill the car up with gas, even though it is someone else's "responsibility." Tie up the garbage tightly before taking it out.
10. When someone asks you, "How are you doing?", smile broadly and say, "I plan to be doing very well today." The effect on your mind and body will be noticeable in a short period of time. Resist saying, "Hanging in there." (What does that mean, anyway?)

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Chiropractic Care  
by  
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### Ice Hockey Injuries

I came across an interesting article in one of my chiropractic journals the other day. "On the ice, Reducing the Risk of Catastrophic Cervical Spinal Injuries."

As the wife of a recreational ice hockey player, I often hear the effects the day after my husband has played a game (the moans, the groans, bruises, etc.). Ice hockey is one of the most physically demanding sports.

High velocity collisions between players are part of the game. This can create a high probability of injury to players. Since 1981, ice hockey has been identified as a major cause of spine injuries, especially between the ages of 11 and 20.

There is a three times greater risk of neck injuries with hockey than there is with football. The primary mechanism of injury is a push or shove from behind into the boards, striking the top of the head.

One factor that has led to an increase in neck injuries is the mandatory use of helmets and full face masks, which have led to a more aggressive style of play and have given players a sense of invulnerability to injury.

Prevention of injuries begins with education of dangerous on-ice situations and the importance of pre-season training. Neck muscle strength is important in the prevention of injuries.

Strength training not only builds bulk muscle power, but teaches contraction timing and proprioceptive awareness. Because 50 percent of all serious cervical spine injuries are preceded by an episode of significant neck pain, any neck pain or injury becomes important.

Players need to report neck pain to a coach, parent, trainer, or spouse. All neck injuries should be treated promptly.

Appropriate evaluation, treatment, and rehabilitation is essential to help minimize reoccurring injury. Re-injury is always a risk when the player returns to a collision sport environment like that of ice hockey.

The patient should not have any complaints of pain, numbness, or restricted motion before returning to the ice. Rehabilitation of "minor" spinal injuries is often overlooked and contributes to re-injury. If your child or spouse is injured while playing ice hockey, get them evaluated by a chiropractor. BE SAFE - NOT SORRY!

Dr. Nelson maintains a practice at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. 786-4820.

"For Your Health" is a regular feature of The Agawam Advertiser News...

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## Fitness Tips...

by  
Carmela Kirk, R.N.  
Fitness Director  
Fitness First



### Exercise Pays Off...

Each year, everyone here at Fitness First comes together and works very hard to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. If I may say so myself, we are awesome! Last year, we raised over \$20,000!

This year, we have an even higher goal. This year is also different because the spokesperson for this year's campaign is someone very dear to us.

Over the years, it has been evident to me that the staff at Fitness First is very close. It's a big family and everyone has their place; from the new young one who gets teased, to the older one that causes trouble, to the helpful moms and rowdy teens.

Last year sometime, one mom was going to have a baby and found herself in a lot of trouble. The pregnancy was difficult (to say the least), and the baby was born with only a hope to survive.

Watching this staff pull together for her was amazing. The members asked constantly about her. Everyone cried and held their breath for so long. Slowly, it got better and better.

Diana is one strong woman. I've admired her since I was first a member here seven years ago; now, I admire her more.

She feels so strongly about Baystate Medical Center and their help, that she is working very hard to raise as much money as she can for them. I've worked at Baystate for years, and have seen first-hand all the good this money does.

Like Diana says, this is where our sick children go; she never expected to use all their facilities, but she is going to work hard to make sure those facilities remain and get better.

Our Marathon Weekend is March 10th, 11th, and 12th. That weekend, the exercise will pay off, all right. We'll be spinning for hours, aerobicing for hours; we've got raffle tickets and balloons to sell.

If you want to join us, it will be a blast. Everyone is welcome to see the magic unfold.

Diana and John King have brought into this world the littlest King. He's getting stronger (he gets that from his parents), and Fitness First is going to show how strong we are.

Best local news — AAN!!!

## Happy 12th Birthday, Brendan!

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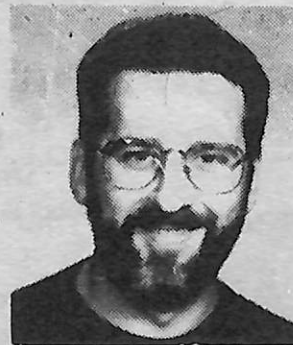


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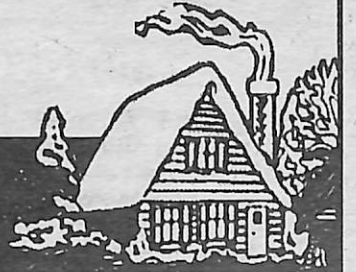
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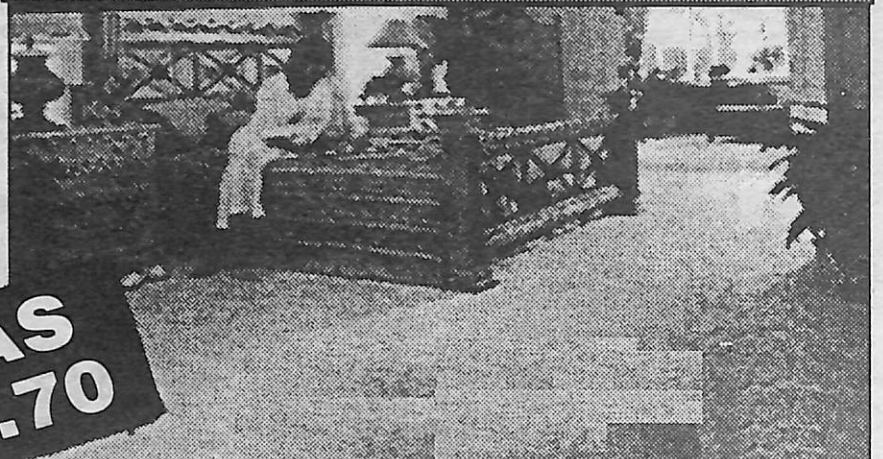
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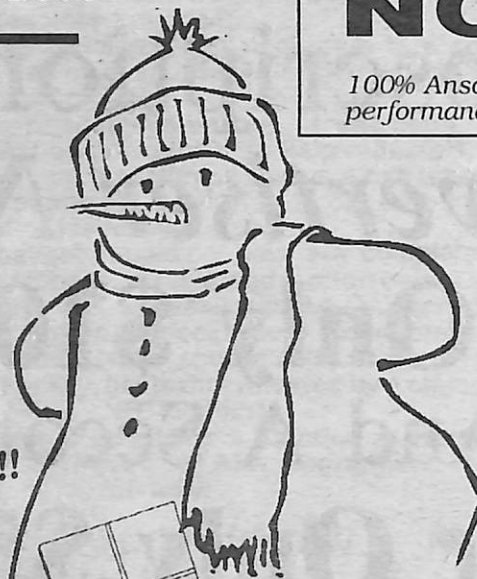
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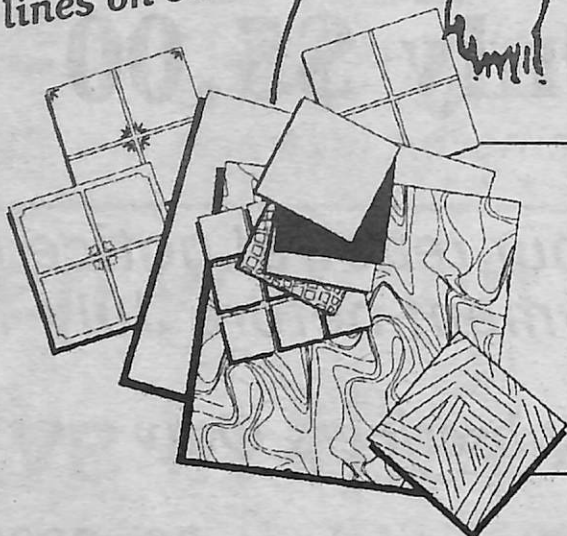


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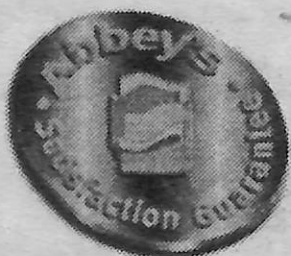
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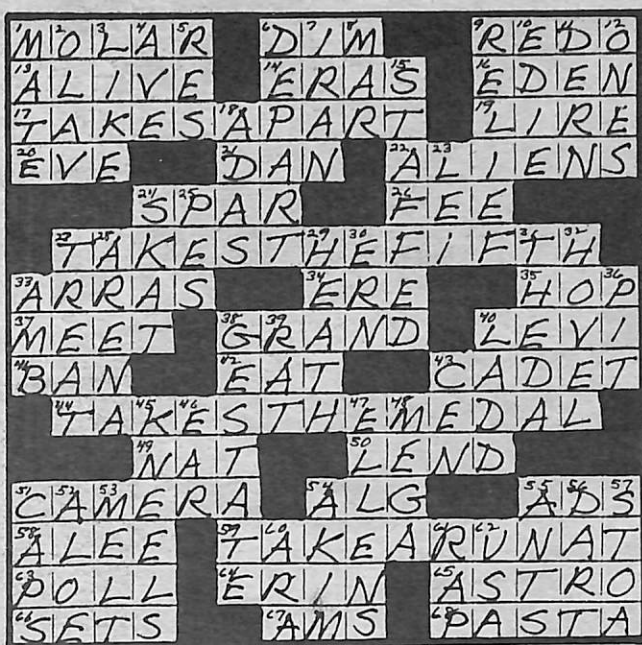
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### ACROSS

- 1 Clotho and sisters
- 6 Not make-believe
- 10 River runners
- 14 Snake
- 19 Texas shrine
- 20 Ferber or Best
- 21 Verne's Captain
- 22 Part of A.W.O.L.
- 23 A.K.A. Mark Twain
- 25 Verve
- 26 Played a part
- 27 Tundra lack
- 28 Moving vehicle
- 29 "Red Badge of Courage" author
- 32 Dip in water
- 35 Time segments
- 36 — out (make do)
- 37 C.S.A. soldier
- 40 Noah's craft
- 41 Naval ratings
- 43 "Mel's Diner" waitress
- 45 Brink
- 49 Excluded
- 51 — dunk
- 52 Sow
- 54 Macaw
- 55 Waiting groups
- 56 Tara mistress
- 57 Crone
- 58 Indian princesses
- 60 Landon et al
- 61 One of "The Mavericks"
- 62 Clumsy boat
- 64 Salty solution
- 65 Territory (abbr.)
- 66 Scottish hillside
- 67 Artist Vermeer
- 68 Author Zola
- 69 Economic Stability Administration (abbr.)
- 70 American essayist
- 74 Once around the track
- 77 Requirements
- 79 Lout
- 80 Attorneys (abbr.)
- 81 Family member (slang)
- 82 Foot/leg connectors
- 84 High tide action
- 85 Peter Pan pirate
- 86 Christmas
- 87 Hard
- 88 Dance step
- 89 Wed on the run
- 91 Crazy
- 92 French friend
- 93 Act segment
- 95 Cincinnati nine
- 96 A little snooze
- 97 Confined
- 99 Acorn dropper
- 100 That (Sp.)
- 101 It — a very good year
- 102 Curve
- 103 Literary monogram
- 105 Play for pay person
- 106 Greek city of yore
- 109 Civil War general

- 115 Estimate (abbr.)
- 116 Look for bargains
- 120 Mr. Shor
- 121 Word of woe
- 122 American Revolutionary spy
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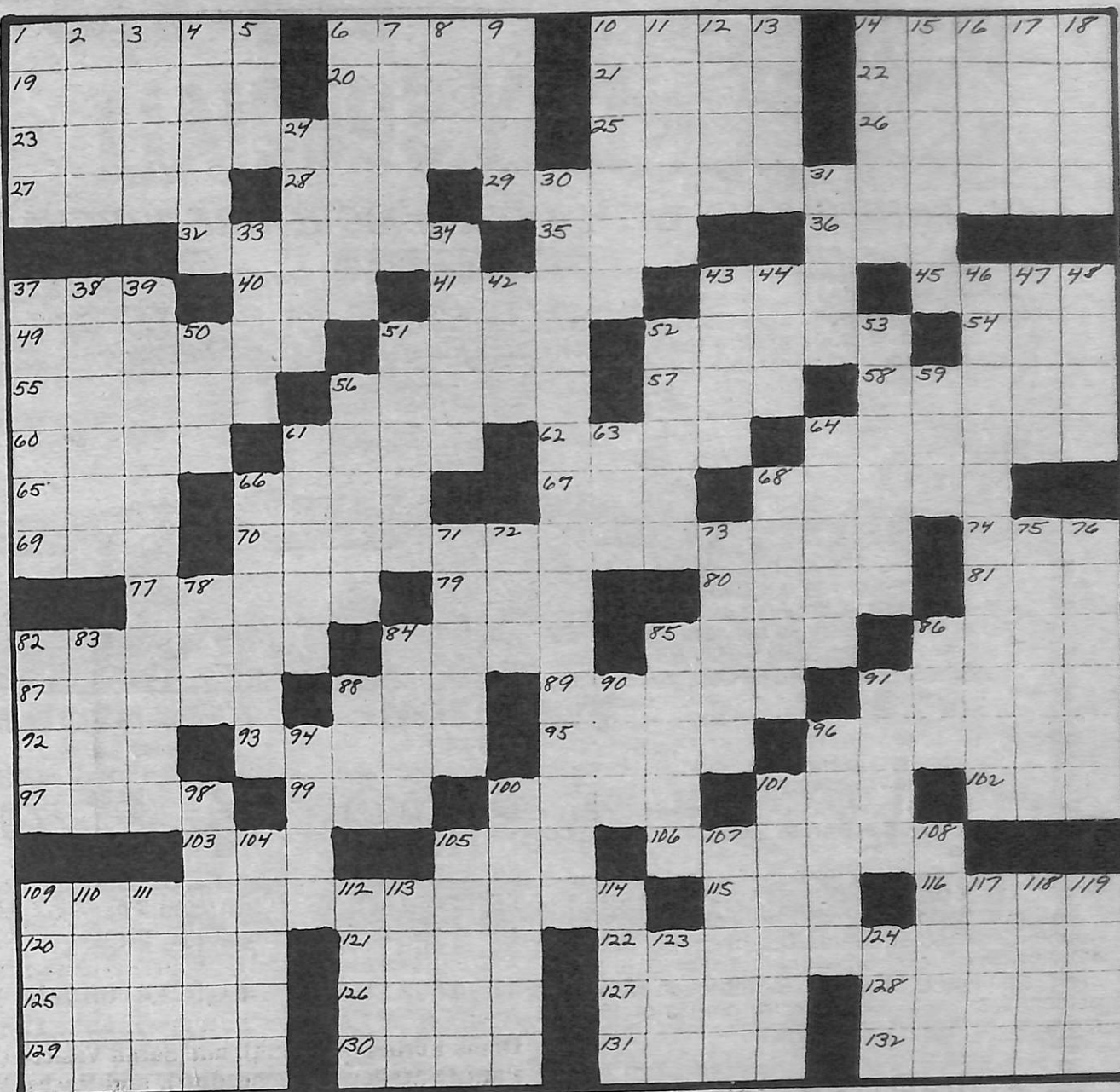
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- 2 Winglike
- 3 Domesticate
- 4 Roast luminary
- 5 The sun
- 6 Aside on stage
- 7 Barbara and Anthony
- 8 Dancer Miller
- 9 Scottish miss
- 10 Scoffs at
- 11 Assists
- 12 Indian nursemaid
- 13 Completed
- 14 Alas partner
- 15 Edict
- 16 "Star Trek" android
- 17 Tied up
- 18 Counsel
- 24 Turn inside out
- 30 The Squire of Monticello
- 31 Broadway light
- 33 Atlas contents
- 34 Verve
- 37 Tell
- 38 Casts out
- 39 "Poor Richard" creator
- 42 Golfing norm
- 43 Imperfection
- 44 Fall behind
- 46 Wilderness road blazer
- 47 — and bear it
- 48 Repose
- 50 In the middle (comb. form)
- 51 Cote members
- 52 Ring up
- 53 Rail runners?
- 56 Exam types
- 59 "— About Eve"
- 61 Small nails
- 63 Machine part
- 64 Hit (Biblical)
- 66 Dog types
- 68 Ms. Lauder
- 71 Abode
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- 90 — me call you...
- 91 Endure
- 94 Handle
- 96 Magna —
- 98 Tried out
- 100 Expunged
- 101 Bathed
- 104 Assistants (abbr.)
- 105 Chatter
- 107 Actor Lorre
- 108 Fire residue

- 109 Mountain Indians
- 110 Opera seating
- 111 Days of —
- 112 Teasdale of poetry
- 113 Shine
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Movie music can transport the listener into the fantasy world of the *Wizard of Oz*; to the reality of a nation's struggle to be born, as depicted in *Exodus*; and the world of romance with Cary Grant and Audrey Hepburn in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

The March Movie Madness concert will also include the themes from *Schindler's List*, *Breaking Away*, *Ben Hur*, *E.T.*, *The Pink Panther*, and others.

"Be an Ear Witness" to this musical cinematic salute on Saturday, March 4th at 8:00 p.m. in Springfield's Symphony Hall. The evening's concert is sponsored by Health New England and Houser Buick/GMC Trucks. Media sponsor is WHYN AM 560. Additional support comes from the Business Friends for the Arts and from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

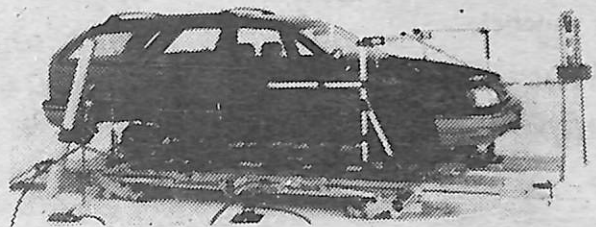
Tickets are available from the Springfield Symphony Orchestra box office, 75 Market Place, downtown Springfield, or can be charged by phone (Visa, MasterCard, Discover) by calling 413-733-2291. Ticket prices range from \$7 to \$37 and are half-price for youths four through 17. A 25 percent discount is available for groups of 10 or more.

## In Costume For STAGE's Vacation Camp...



STAGE STUDENTS REHEARSE A SCENE from their February vacation camp production of "The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe," which is playing this weekend at The Red Door Theatre in Feeding Hills: Friday and Saturday (February 25th and 26th) at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday (February 26th and 27th) at 2:00 p.m. All tickets are \$5, and seats may be reserved by calling (413) 789-2026. Back row: Brittany Michel (Agawam). Middle row: Taylor Carr (Longmeadow), Katie Forbes (Agawam), Christin Peters (Feeding Hills), Diana Forbes (Agawam), and Sarah Vasicek (Westfield). Front row: Zack Shirley (Agawam), Patti O'Malley (Longmeadow), and Rachel Wiseman (Longmeadow).

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## Theater Project Shoots For Laughs With "Gun-Shy"

Richard Dresser's adult comedy, "Gun-Shy," is the next production for the Theater Project, according to Producing Director Danny Eaton. The play will run February 24th through March 5th at the Majestic Theater in West Springfield.

Not to be confused with the recently-released Sandra Bullock movie, "Gun-Shy" tells the story of Evie and Duncan, who find that their recent divorce is more of a disaster than their 14-year marriage. While visiting Duncan's home to celebrate their son's birthday, Evie becomes snowbound with her new boyfriend, Carter, as well as Duncan and his companion, Caitlin. The antics of the two couples generate laughs in this 90's version of Noel Coward's "Private Lives."

Cast members include Laurel Gardner as Evie, Steve Henderson as Duncan, Gregg Wolff as Carter, Jennifer Wall as Caitlin, and Bryan Mangels as Ramon. Brian Smith will direct, and Michelle Medvin will stage manage, with assistance from Kristin Davis.

Sets will be designed by Steven Found and detailed by Bev Browne. Ilene Goldstein will handle costumes, and Sue Pereira has been named Wardrobe Mistress. Lights and sound will be supervised by Grant Wallace, Elena Hovagimian, Jess McKay, and Don Hunter.

As with all Theater Project productions, all performers and crew members are residents of the Pioneer Valley/northern Connecticut area.

The cast and crew of "Gun-Shy" are geared up to present the rollicking comedy.

According to Smith, "This is a story about funny people and it's driven relentlessly by sparkling dialogue that is deeply, quickly revealing without bogging down the story. It's a rip-roaring good time."

Henderson adds, "I think any script which revolves around dysfunctional relationships, as this one does, allows me easy access to the characters!"

"Gun-Shy" is the last installment of the Theater Project's Actors Choice Series, three plays staged at the Majestic for limited runs during the winter months. Previous presentations included Eaton's "The Winds of Fashioning Time," as well as William Shakespeare's "The Winter's Tale."

Following "Gun-Shy" will be the last two presentations of the Theater Project's third season; the Arthur Miller drama "All My Sons" (March 23rd - April 22nd), and the musical "Man of La Mancha" (May 11th - June 10th).

Performances for "Gun-Shy" will be Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday afternoons at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets range in price from \$11 to \$15 (depending on the date and time of performance), and are available by visiting or calling the box office at (413) 747-7797 during its operational hours on Saturday (10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.), Tuesday/Thursday/Friday (2:00 to 5:00 p.m.), and Wednesday (4:00 to 8:00 p.m.).

*Beginning Thursday, March 2nd...*

## Ag. Library To Hold "Early Childhood STEP" Program

One of the nation's most popular parent education programs, "Early Childhood STEP — Systematic Training for Effective Parenting of Children under Six," will be offered at the Agawam Public Library.

Sessions will begin on Thursday, March 2nd, and will continue for six weeks on Thursday nights from 6:30 to 8:00. Each session will consist of presentation of a topic to be followed by discussion and refreshments. Presenters will be Bonnie Connell, M.S., and Teresa Urbinati, M.Ed., M.S.W.

"Early Childhood STEP" can help parents foster confidence and cooperation in children from the start. Meeting with other parents in an atmosphere of mutual support, participants will learn how to build self-esteem, discipline effectively, and deal with common concerns like tantrums, toilet training, mealtime behavior, and much more.

The presentation of this program is funded by the Community Partnerships for Children Grant. Registration is limited, and may be done in person, or by calling the library at 789-1550.

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IN REHEARSAL FOR THEIR ROLES in Bay Path College's production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" are Mark Mickey of Feeding Hills and Bay Path students Maria Medina (center) and Aimee Dupuis.

## "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" To Be Staged At Bay Path College

The Theatre Arts Department of Bay Path College will continue its 32nd season with the hilarious and zany musical by Stephen Sondheim, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. First presented in New York in 1962, it was later made into a film and then two highly successful revivals, one with Phil Silvers in 1972 and the latest two years ago featuring Nathan Lane.

Feeding Hills resident Mark Mickey has a part in the production.

With all female roles played by Bay Path students and male roles from the community, the

show is produced and directed by Paul C. Norton of the college faculty with musical direction by Charles E. Page and choreography by Li Cigalo.

Reserved seat performances are scheduled for March 3rd, 4th, 10th, and 11th at 8:00 p.m. with additional 2:00 p.m. matinees on March 4th and 11th. Rush seating is available for performances at 8:00 p.m. on March 2nd and 9th.

The box office at Carr Hall is open weekdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and performance days from 3:00-8:00 p.m. at 413-565-5390.

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## Education

### Mailing Their Valentines At Feeding Hills Post Office...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Nicholas D'Amour, Vince Wetmore, and Cristina Zaffetti with Post Office employee Francine Lopes. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Lopes helps Larissa Cassie put a Valentine seal on her envelope.

Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, Linda Morassi's Room 9 kindergarten class from Granger Elementary School visited the Feeding Hills Post Office to mail their Valentine's Day cards. The youngsters stamped their Valentines and then cancelled the stamps. Far left, in back: Mrs. Poirier (class aide). Far left, front row: Post Office employee Francine Lopes. Far right, from left to right: Mrs. Lavin (class aide), Postmaster Maureen Price, and Mrs. Morassi. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



LINDA MORASSI with Granger kindergarten pupils Tyler Trant, Brett Arel, Jillian Newton, Shawn Peabody, Kelsie Brown, Nicholas D'Amour, Cristina Zaffetti, and Shannon Proulx. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

### Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, February 28th:** Oven-baked pizza wedge, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, assorted fruit cup, milk.

**Tuesday, February 29th:** Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned green beans, peaches in syrup or chocolate pudding, milk.

**Wednesday, March 1st:** Rib-B-Q dip-pers, applesauce, niblet corn, bread and butter, school-baked cookie, milk.

**Thursday, March 2nd:** Steamed frank-furt in roll, Boston baked beans, oven potato rounds with catsup, fruit cup or Jello with topping, milk.

**Friday, March 3rd:** Oven roast turkey with gravy, peas and carrots, whipped potatoes, wheat bread and butter, peanut butter bar, milk.

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Mr. Sapelli,  
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From Allyson W.

Dear Mr. Sapelli,  
Hi! How are you? I think that you are very nice. I like the school. Our school has a great playground. The lunches are very good too. Do you like the lunches? My favorite lunch is pizza. What is your favorite lunch? I hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Your friend,  
Julia Zana

Dear Mr. Sapelli,  
What are you doing for Valentine's Day? We are learning multiplication in third grade. It is easy to learn but hard to figure out. Have a great Valentine's Day.

Your friend,  
Devon Mozdzanowski

Dear David,  
You are a great friend. I like playing with you. I hope you are having a good year.

Your friend,  
Adam

Dear Steph W.,  
You're a good person to hang around with. You're very quiet but very nice and kind. I think you are a nice artist.

Your friend,  
Heather

Dear Josh,  
I hope you have a happy Valentine's Day and have fun. I think you're a nice kid.

Your friend,  
Brian Snyder

Dear Mr. Bower,  
I want to have you for a fourth grade teacher, but I'm only in second grade. You sound really nice. I bet you are.

Your friend,  
Bradford Siegars

Dear Matt,  
I love having you as a friend. I like eating lunch with you. I have a lot of fun playing ball and cards with you. You are a nice friend.

Your friend,  
Steve

Dear Mrs. Devine,  
Thank you for calling my Dad when I forgot my lunch.

Sincerely,  
Alexis Lussier

## “Scholarship Night” On March 1st At AHS

The Annual Agawam Scholarship Night will be held on Wednesday, March 1st from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Representatives from area scholarship committees will be on hand in the Agawam High School cafeteria to answer your questions and to hand out scholarship applications.

Last year, between \$50,000 and \$60,000 in scholarship money was awarded to Agawam students.



THE GRADE FOUR (ROOM 12) STUDENTS of Andrew Bower at Robinson Park Elementary School hold their “Red Letters.” Part of the Adelphi Program which started about 15 years ago, the “Red Letter” program provides a way for children to have a buddy to write to (someone they don't usually play with). In addition, the youngsters write a letter to an adult in the school (such as a custodian, a teacher, or the principal) in order to say something nice that they would not ordinarily say. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Local Students Named To Fall 1999 Semester Dean's List At AIC

American International College has named 308 students to the Dean's List for the fall 1999 semester.

Students who qualified for the Dean's List are full-time undergraduate students with a grade point average of at least 3.3 out of 4.0 points.

Among those named to the Dean's List were the following local students:

#### From Agawam—

Susan Natale, a junior marketing major; Kristen Patterson, daughter of John and Kathy Patterson, a sophomore general business major; and Heidi Reiprich, daughter of Sandra Lee Crawford and Paul Reiprich, a junior pre-physical therapy major.

#### From Feeding Hills—

Rachel Niemiec, daughter of Laura Niemiec, a sophomore criminal justice major; Lori O'Dea, daughter of Sandra and Paul O'Dea, a junior pre-physical therapy major; Peter Petell, son of Nancy and Paul Petell, a senior English major; and Melissa Weinle, daughter of Phyllis and John Weinle, a junior criminal justice major.

AIC is a private, coeducational college founded in 1885. The College offers more than 35 undergraduate programs in the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Health Sciences, and Psychology and Education.

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## Information Night On Tues., March 14th, At Clark School

In preparation for Agawam's Kindergarten Registration, a Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m. at Clark School.

Parents of all children entering kindergarten in September 2000 are invited to attend. The program will be to answer questions parents might have in regard to their child entering school in September.

Children who will be five (5) years of age prior to October 1, 2000 are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in September.

## Local Cadets Begin Annual Sea Term At Mass. Maritime Acad.

Massachusetts Maritime Academy, located on Cape Cod, a four-year state college of Marine Science, International Business, Engineering, and Marine Transportation, has begun its annual Sea Term.

The ship will visit Funchal, Madeira, Gibraltar, Piraeus, Greece, and Barcelona, Spain.

Among the Cadets on board are Cadet Scott Murphy from Feeding Hills, class of 2003, and Cadet Thomas Shibley from Agawam, class of 2003.

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# “Golden Rule Days” Or “Olden Rule Days”???



DURING THE RECENTLY HELD “Look Back” program at Storowton Village in West Springfield, a Storowton volunteer displays a hickory stick that was once used to administer punishment. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



“AND WE THOUGHT OUR CLASSROOMS WERE CROWDED!”: The Room 23 students of Sheryl Mardeusz from Phelps Elementary School experienced the conditions that typified a day of school during our nation’s Colonial era. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



## From The AHS Guidance Office...

by Judy Cohen  
Agawam High School  
Guidance Counselor

### If The Coat Fits...

I know, I know, it’s supposed to be “If the shoe fits,” but, hey, this analogy works well with my students, so I thought I would share it with you.

Diane comes into my office. “Mrs. Cohen, I’m having a horrible day. Sally has been accusing me of saying these incredibly bad things about her boyfriend, but I wouldn’t and I didn’t do that!” Her eyes are brimming with tears, her voice is getting that squeaky sound, and clearly, Diane is distraught. After all, it’s a lousy feeling when you’ve been falsely accused.

After I told Diane to take a few breaths, we start to have a discussion. It comes to light that Diane used to date the boy who is now going out with Sally. However, Diane is clearly better athletically and scholastically than Sally. But Diane could care less about that. All she wants is the name-calling and hateful accusations to end.

It’s obvious to me that Sally is probably a little jealous of the former girlfriend, Diane, since Diane seems to have more going for her. Therefore, Sally feels threatened by her and makes accusations to make Diane feel terrible. And it seems her ploy is working!

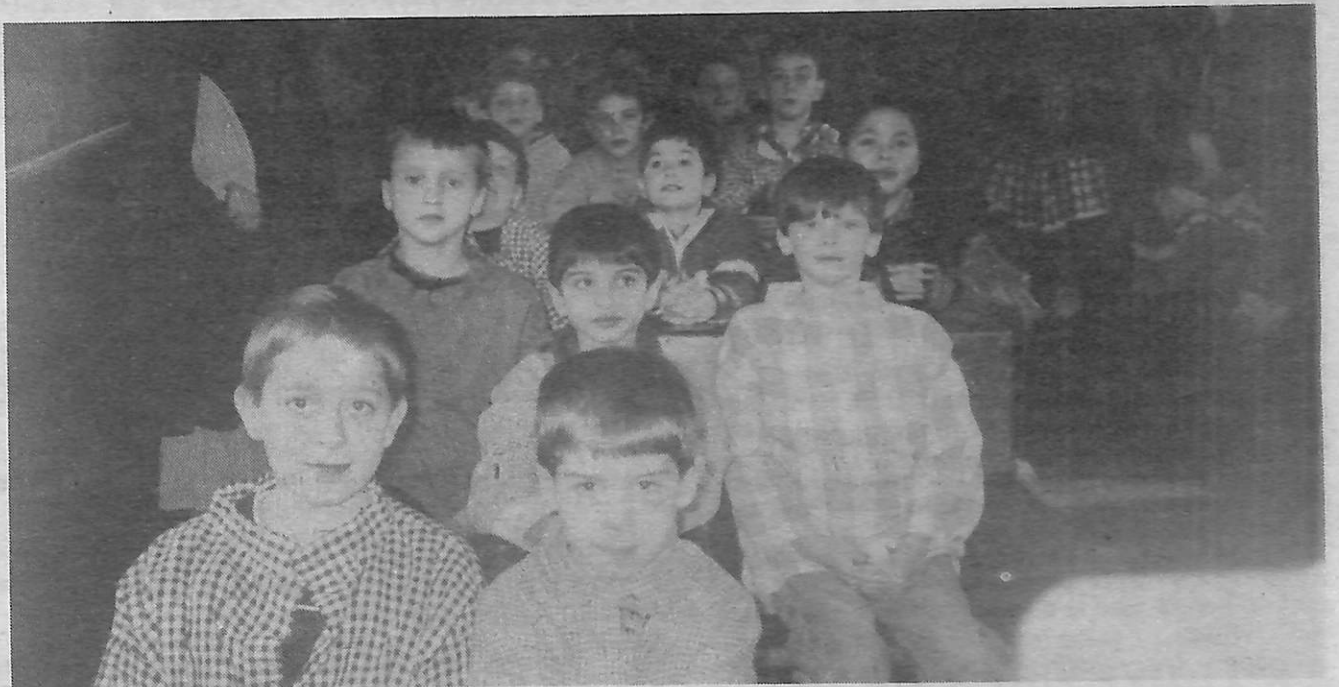
Instead of pointing all of this out to Diane, I decide to let her come to this conclusion by herself. In doing this, Diane will take ownership of these ideas and believe in them. So, I say, “Why do you think Sally is acting this way?” With a little prodding and some suggestions, Diane is able to come up with reasons that do corroborate my thinking. Now I go a step further.

“If you think this is the reason, then why are you wearing what Sally says?” Elaborating, I continue, “If you were to go into a store and saw three coats on the rack and you needed one, which one would you choose and why?”

Thinking for a moment, Diane responds, “I would choose the one that looks good on me, the one that fits well.” With a smile on my face, I look Diane in the eye and say, “Aha, now you have it ... you would only wear something if it fits and what Sally accused you of does not fit, so don’t wear it!”

Amazingly, it’s as simple as that. We all have the will to choose and to wear what fits. We all have the choice to discard those things that do not make us look or feel good. Sally was trying to make Diane wear a coat that clearly did not fit. Diane learned that she had the choice to discard it, which she did.

Remember, when you’re faced with what “coat” to wear, try on each one carefully. Then, choose the one that fits correctly and feels comfortable. Remember, if the coat fits, wear it.



“HOW DID THEY GET ALONG WITHOUT COMPUTERS?”: Storowton Village’s “Look Back” program gives today’s schoolchildren the opportunity to see first-hand how children learned their studies when our country was first founded. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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On March 1st...

## Agawam Jr. Women's Club To Have Booth At Scholarship Fair

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will have a booth at the Scholarship Fair on March 1st at the High School at 7:00 p.m. Club members will be there to hand out applications and answer questions.

The Club Scholarship is open to any Agawam student entering a two-, three-, or four-year college in the current year. The club also gives scholarships to children of eligible, former club members.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

## Area Students Attain Honor Roll At Spfld. Christian School

The administration of Springfield Christian School, located at 627 State Street in Springfield, is pleased to announce that the following area students have attained the honor roll for term two.

HIGH HONORS:

Lauren Heiden of Feeding Hills.

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Michael Schnepf of Feeding Hills.

## Christine M. Januska Named To Dean's List At Elms College

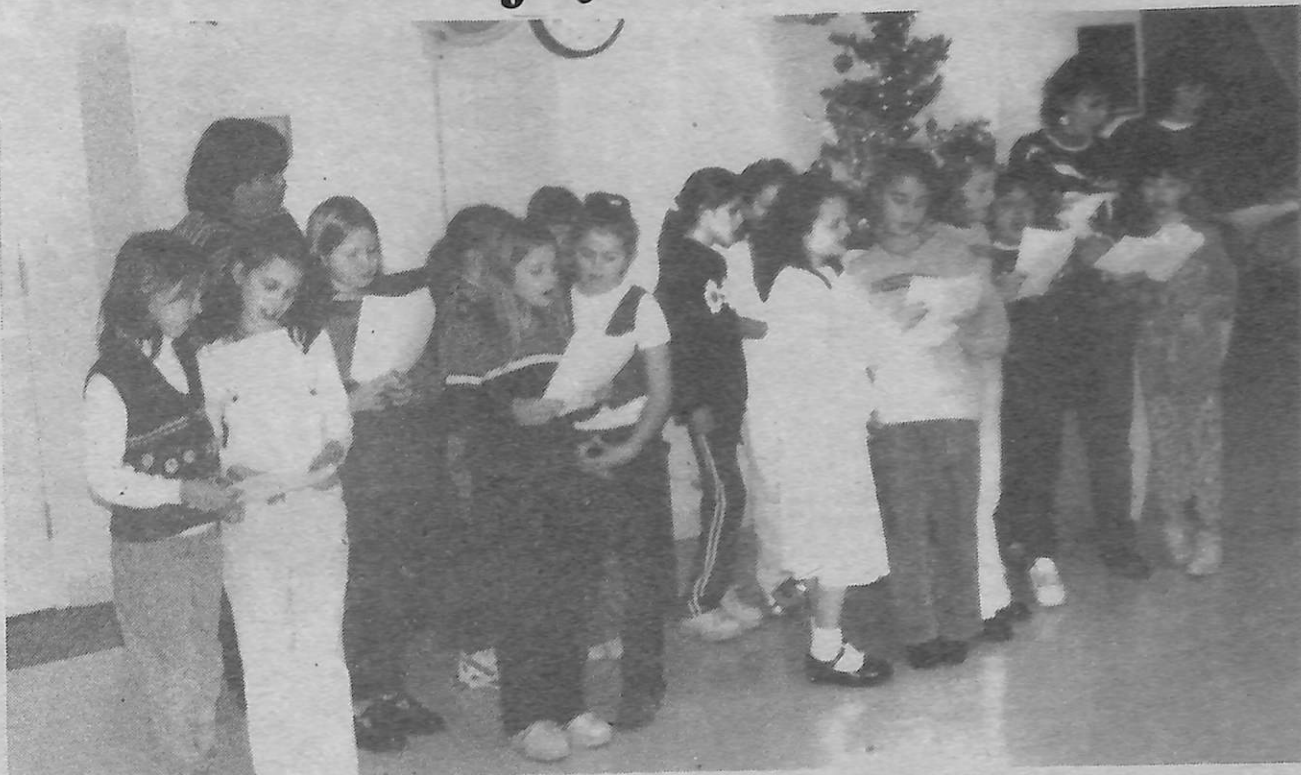
Dr. Anne Harrison, Academic Dean at Elms College, has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 1999-2000 academic year.

The Dean's List is composed of students who have earned a grade point average of 3.50 or better.

Christine Marie Januska, daughter of Richard and Lisa Januska of Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List.

Ms. Januska is a member of the class of 2002 and is majoring in psychology and educational special needs. She is a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School.

## Brownies Enjoy The Holidays...



DURING THE 1999 HOLIDAY SEASON, Brownie Troop No. 548 (from B.J. Phelps School) spent a happy afternoon caroling at the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. Every year, Mr. Paulin (director of recreational services at the Soldiers' Home) invites the troop to sing songs and spend time with the veterans and their families. After their performance, the girls were treated to punch and cookies. This event is always a special occasion for the troop members, and everyone has a great time. Lisa Stanton, Joan Woods, and Kathy Keenan were among the Girl Scout leaders and other volunteers who were involved in this worthwhile activity.

## Daniel D. Bodman Receives Bachelor's Degree From WNEC

Daniel D. Bodman of Manchester, Connecticut received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in sport management from Western New England College in December in Springfield.

Bodman is the son of Jean Bodman of Feeding Hills.

Western New England College is a private, independent, coeducational institution founded in 1919. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, the College serves its 5,100 students on its main campus and at 20 sites throughout the Commonwealth.

Undergraduate and graduate programs are offered through the College's Schools of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, and Law.

## Cindi Alfano Attains Dean's List Standing At Clark University

Cindi Alfano of Agawam has been named to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the fall 1999 semester.

To be eligible for second honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. No more than 20 percent of any class may be named to Dean's List honors.

Clark University is a research university with a liberal arts college and several graduate schools. Located in Worcester, it was founded in 1887 and is the oldest graduate school in New England and the second oldest in the United States.

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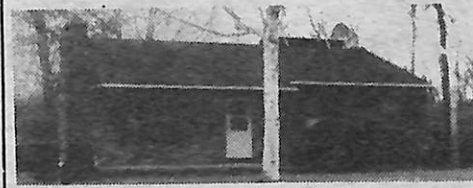
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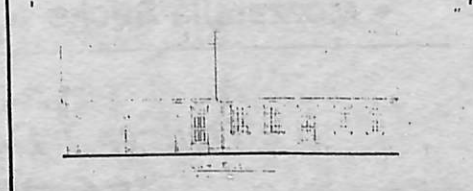
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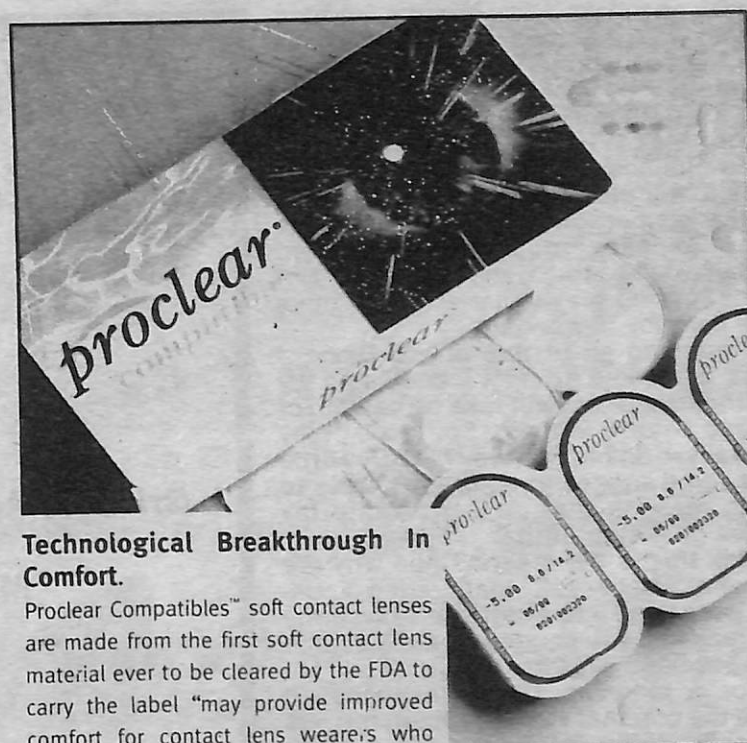


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## A "Pet" Project At Phelps Elementary School...



Representatives from the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (M.S.P.C.A.) recently presented a program for the four first-grade classes at Phelps Elementary School. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



THE PHELPS FIRST-GRADERS met a new four-legged friend — "Baxter" the dog. Each year, 10,000 unwanted animals are given to the M.S.P.C.A. shelter. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



PHELPS FIRST-GRADERS Christina Raus, Katina Frogameni, Jeremy Johnston, and Courtney Rivest watch as Heidi O'Brien and Madeline Nagy look through the book of pet photos that the students made for them. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



THE FIRST-GRADE TEACHERS AT PHELPS who helped coordinate a recent bottle and can drive: Mrs. Sylvia Sullivan, Mrs. Linda Vooy, Mrs. Janis Noyes, and Mrs. Ann Marie Bellico. The four first-grade classes raised \$470.35 for the M.S.P.C.A. shelter. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Middle School Counselor's News

by Thomas F. Dacey  
Middle School Counselor

Since midterm of the third marking period is approaching, the Middle School would like parents to know that Student Progress Reports indicating poor academic standing and other problems will be issued on or about March 3rd. The parents of students who receive a report are asked to sign and return it to the school as soon as possible.

Parents are advised to monitor their child's progress carefully to avoid difficulties later in the year. There is still adequate time for most students to improve their marks.

In the area of study skills, the sixth-grade students are participating in a study skills review. The counselor is visiting each sixth-grade homeroom and showing a video on such topics as having a comfortable place in which to study and managing study time in an efficient way. The sixth-graders are also taking a quiz on many of the topics discussed during their study skills program last year and are discussing this quiz with the counselor.

## "Valentines For Seniors"...



ALEXA GUIDETTI AND STEVEN JEFFERSON, Room 1 students from Clark School, drop their Valentine's Day cards for area senior citizens in a special "mailbox" that was made especially for those cards. The "mailbox" was kept outside of the school's office. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Patricia E. Zerra On Dean's List At Connecticut College

Patricia E. Zerra of 77 White Fox Rd., Feeding Hills was named to the Dean's List at Connecticut College. She is a member of the Class of 2003, with an undeclared major.

Overlooking Long Island Sound and the Thames River, the 750-acre campus, with its extensive plant collections and beautiful natural areas, is managed as the Connecticut College Arboretum. It is located in the historic former whaling port town of New London.





## Sports

# Jason Malanson Breaks All-Time Scoring Record In AHS Hockey

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Agawam High hockey player Jason Malanson is an important cog in the ice fortunes of that club, which is in the playoffs and now fighting a good seed in the draw. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about his days as a Brownie.

Jason has played all four years of his career for the AHS varsity hockey team. And he reached a milestone last week. In a 9-2 win over Taconic, Jason had three assists to run his career point total to 134, tying him with Brownie hockey legend Ricky Parolo. He then added a pair of assists vs. Amherst in a close loss to break the AHS scoring record.

As a freshman, he had 40 points, 42 as a sophomore, 23 in his junior season, and at presstime, 36 so far this year, with one game left vs. high-powered Amherst again. Then it's on to the playoffs and a possibility for more points.

He is 18 years-old with his birthday falling on October 31st. He stands 5'4" tall and weighs in at a solid 150 pounds.

Jason has spent all four years of his secondary education at the High School. He's currently taking college prep courses, including some in computers and business. He also has three years of Spanish under his belt. His favorite course at the school is psychology. Edward Merrill (psychology) is Jason's top teacher.

Right now, he's looking at AIC for higher education. The school has a strong hockey program, which he might take a shot at.

Jason was Western Mass. Rookie of the Year as a freshman and is also a Second Team All-Western Mass. selection.

The Calvin Klein look suits his taste in clothes. Rap, hip-hop, plus just about all kinds of music are enjoyable to the senior.

"Bay Watch" is his top TV show. "The Sixth Sense" is Jason's favorite flick.

Frances is his mom. Lenny is his dad. Jason says they see just about all his games. He has a brother, Jeremy, who is a freshman forward on the Agawam High hockey team. He also wanted to mention his late grandfather, Leo, who passed away several months ago. "He was a big fan of mine. I wish he could have seen me break the school's points record," Jason said.

His grandfather was the person he looked up to. "He was always such a positive, happy guy," Jason observed.

His most memorable sports moment came in his freshman year when he scored the first high school goal against East Longmeadow and, of course, establishing the career points.

So far, he's pleased with the current season and the Brownies' 11-8 (8-3 Fay Division) record. "Another win would be nice because it would help us in the seedings," he noted.

They've made the playoffs the last four years. Last season, they made it to the second round.

Jason's favorite food is pasta.

Blue is his top hue.

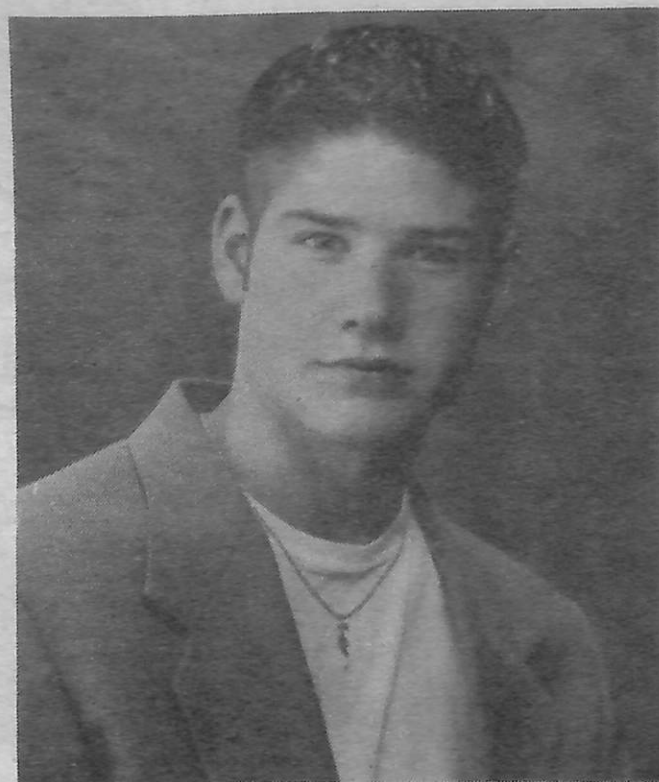
His car of choice is an '89 Mustang, which he happens to have.

The New Jersey Devils of the National Hockey League are his top team.

He likes to kick back and relax with a good workout at Fitness First.

Jason would like to be remembered as a team player and a good playmaker. "I enjoy getting off a good pass that leads to a score as much as scoring a goal myself," he smiled.

Coach John Cirelli had this to say about his high-scoring forward: "His record was a big ac-



JASON MALANSON

complishment for him, and I'm thrilled about it, too. He's a great kid who is easy to instruct. It's fun watching Jason play, and he's an outstanding assist man."

### School Wrestling...

## Dave Moore Takes 119-Pound Title At State Championships In Lowell

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High Brownies' Dave Moore was one of eight wrestlers from the school who came out of the Western Mass. Champions and traveled to Lowell last weekend for the State Championships. In the end, he was the last Brownie standing, winning the 119-pound title.

Moore, a three-year All-Western Mass. pick in wrestling and also a standout running back and All-Western Mass. selection in football (as well as an equally adept attacker in lacrosse), had to wrestle four rounds for his crown. He won his first-round match on a pin in the first period. His second-round match saw him grab a technical fall (15-0).

### On To The Semifinals

Then it was on to the semifinals and a guy he knew something about, Jerome Ellcock from Cambridge. "I wrestled him last year in the States and beat him." But Dave admitted it was slightly tougher this time around. "I only led 2-0 after the first period. Neither of us scored in the second, so it stood that way going into the third," the champ noted.

"I was only up 2-1 when I managed a reverse towards the end of the period, which led to five points and a 7-1 victory. That was tougher than the

finals for me," he smiled.

Then it was on to those finals and a meeting with Billrica's Dan Fitzpatrick, who he'd never wrestled. It was no contest. Dave walked through his opponent, 15-2. It was his first state title and new head Coach Kirk Parker's first state champion as the Brownie mentor.

### All-States This Weekend

Now it's on to the All-States in Salem this weekend, where Moore will be the third seed in the 119's. He came in seventh last year at that tournament. "That's a really tough one. You have to be at the top of your game there," he admitted.

The Brownies finished the States in a tie for 17th-place with 39 points. Chelmsford (157) was the top team for the second straight year. St. John's Prep of Danvers grabbed second (127). Western Mass. champion Ludlow came in third.

Other good performances by the Western Mass. teams included West Springfield with 74 to come in fourth. Central was eighth with 61.

Moore says he was satisfied by the team's performance this season. "They have a bright future with guys like Eric Hogan, Aaron Gilbert, and Cory Federico coming back," he noted.



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## Girls' Basketball...

# Brownies Obliterate The West Springfield High Terriers, 52-16

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The term we want for Tuesday evening's Agawam High girls' basketball game against West Springfield High is 'nolo contendere' or, no contest.

"Yeah, we played some good defense," Brownie Coach Lou Conte said, an understatement of the 52-16 Agawam win. Agawam absorbed a 30-point shallacking up at Amherst Regional Saturday night. It was that bad, but Tuesday's game was just what the doctor ordered for Conte's troops.

The Brownie win sees them at this writing with a record of 11-8 and 2-5 in the Valley Wheel. Any victory at this point in the season is crucial because the seeds for the upcoming Tournament are just over the horizon.

"Well, I'm not sure just where we'll be in that department," Conte smiled, obviously pleased with the way his girls played. "But in the past, the committee has been very good to us, so we'll see."

Indeed, from the get-go, the faithful had an inkling that the fat lady had already trilled her tune. Agawam went up with four minutes gone, 10-2, after point guard Jill Gendron lit a three and senior Kate Shannon added a deuce.

Those two Terrier points on a field goal with 3:01 off the clock would see the visitors then go 0-24 from the field, before a Jen Donahue three with 30 seconds left in the half ended the drought. Along with 2-5 from the line, they had a total of seven points, and it was about as horrible a night as you can get for the Terriers as they couldn't hit the ocean, or anything else for that matter.

## Agawam Going About Its Business

While the Terriers were taking bad shots and missing easy put-backs, Agawam was going about its business in a workmanlike manner.

Led by Gendron's 10 first-half points, six by junior Liz Stieg, and five by junior center Laura Bucalo (along with her five rebounds), the only problem the Brownies had was trying hard not to run it up too much against their frustrated foe. The half would end 25-7, Agawam.

The Brownies went 11-26 (42 percent) from the field in the first 16. West Side checked in, or maybe a better description would be checked out

(because it was essentially over), on a 2-27 (seven percent) performance in the shot department.

Of course, Conte knew taps had all but sounded for the visitors, so he had a chance to play one of his youngsters in the second half: sophomore point guard Jenna Shea, who was particularly impressive (she had six points on some nifty moves). Freshman Vicky Taylor, who comes off the bench but plays mucho minutes every game, chipped in with six and cleaned the boards with eight rebounds. Five of them were offensive, followed by some bodacious put-backs.

There were two minutes left and Agawam was 11-19, West Side was 4-25. By that time, even the faithful had lost interest.

The team has one more game at presstime, Thursday, Feb. 24th against a visiting powerhouse, 17-2 Longmeadow (senior night). It will be another gut check. A win against the Lancers will mean a boost up in the draw for the upcoming tournament, but this is a tall order, indeed.

**AGAWAM INDIVIDUAL STATS:** Gendron - 12 points, 5-10 FGS, 2-2 3 points, 5 REBS, 1 OFF; Clark - 2 points, 1-1 FGS, 3 REBS; Lyman - 2 points, 1-4 FGS, 3 REBS, 2 OFF; Lottermoser - 0 points, 0-1 FGS; Shannon - 4 points, 2-6 FGS, 0-2 FGS, 5 REBS; Benton - 0 points, 0-6 FGS, 4 REBS, 2 OFF; Stieg - 10 points, 5-10 FGS, 0-1 3 points, 1 REB; Shea - 6 points, 3-4 FGS, 1 REB; Taylor - 7 points, 3-6 FGS, 1-1 FTS, 8 REBS, 6 OFF; Bucalo - 9 points, 3-3 FGS, 3-3 FTS, 8 REBS, 2 OFF.

**AGAWAM TEAM:** 23-52 FGS (44 percent), 4-6 FTS (66 percent), 2-3 3 points, 38 REBS, 13 OFF, 12 TO's, 2 points allowed off turnovers.

**WEST SIDE TEAM:** 6-54 FGS (11 percent), 3-12 FTS (25 percent), 1-4 3 points, 25 REBS, 16 OFF, 18 TO's, 2 points allowed off turnovers.

The Agawam JV's beat West Side, 33-30. Freshman Kristen Strole had 15 points, including eight in the second half, and sophomore point guard Alyson Nowell had seven. Freshman Erin McLane broke a 28-28 tie with a free throw and a put-back to give the JV's a 31-28 lead. Nowell iced it with a pair of free throws in the final seconds. McLane led the Brownies with 11 boards while adding five points.

## Schoolboy Hockey...

# AHS Falls To St. Joseph Crusaders, 3-2

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High hockey team, looking towards the playoffs, had a chance to improve its seed with a win Tuesday evening against St. Joseph's of Pittsfield at Cyr Arena. It didn't happen as the Crusaders pumped in three third-period goals to beat the Brownies, 3-2.

"We never should have lost this one," Agawam Coach John Cirelli said of his team, which led, 1-0, going into the final 15 minutes. That score came in the second period on a Tony LeClair goal from the faceoff circle, which beat the St. Joe keeper to the stick side. Senior Jason Malanson got the assist for the 137th point of his career.

However, the Crusaders, a force way out in the Hennessey Division (the Berkshires) sucked it up, despite the fact that in the final seven minutes of the game, according to Cirelli, his club outplayed the visitors. "We're just falling into some bad patterns, with some mental lapses that are making us lose the small battles," he noted.

Agawam's second score came with 4:35 left in the third period on a big low to the ice slapshot from Jason Malanson. It was his 138th point. Brian Pagella and Tony Kosinski got the assists.

## One More Game Before Playoffs

The team has one more game before the playoffs, up at the Orr Rink in Amherst against Amherst High School, a team they just lost to a couple weeks ago, 2-1. "I'm convinced our kids can beat them. I'm very proud of what they've done this year. We've had positive thoughts and we'll carry them into the tournament," the coach smiled.

At this writing, the team is 11-8 and 8-3 in the Fay Division.

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In Orlando, Florida...

## AHS Cheerleaders Compete At Nat'l Championships

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Recently, the Agawam High School cheerleaders came back from the National Championships at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. The State Champion Brownies went down to meet and compete against the best cheerleading teams in our country.

Members of the team include Jenna Bodurtha, Bianca Chase, Kate Chmura, Christin Cilimberg, Lauren DeLuca, Jessica Forni, Stacy Hopkins, Linda Kelly, Rachel Lara, Amanda Lemieux, Ashlee Lorraine, Jillian Nunziato, Stephanie Petazzoni, Aimee Piccin, Stephanie Sadowski, Anne Shibley, Kari Trauschke, and Casy vanOssenbruggen.

The team, along with a group of parents, got on the plane at Bradley Field around mid-afternoon February 3rd and after a few delays, got into Orlando just after midnight, February 4th. "It wasn't quite the way we had it planned," Coach Kim Hebert laughed, "but we got there."

### First Time At Nationals For Agawam

There was great anticipation for this one. It was the first time Agawam would be going to something as big as this. "At the airport, I could see the anticipation in their eyes. All our work and dedication to the sport had finally paid off," Hebert said.

Hebert noted that unless you were there, you really could not appreciate the scope of it all. "It's not like watching it on television, where you get a certain image. A television camera can never describe what the whole thing is like."

"It was unbelievable," she continued. "Those Southern teams are so athletic. They were doing their routines wherever they could, even in the hotel. Some of their parents, from a big school in Kentucky, told some of our parents that the school pays a private coach \$6,000 a year over and above what the school budget calls for just to polish up their competitive routine."

Then Hebert added, "One school, I think it was from Germantown, Tennessee, had their freshman team, their junior high team, their junior varsity, and their varsity teams there. They all competed."

Agawam didn't do all that well. They dropped two stunts in the preliminaries, which meant it was over early for them. But they were rookies on the national level. This experience is a diamond in the rough for them.

"We got to see routines that right now, we can only dream of. But now that we've seen them, we can come home and try to incorporate them into what we do. Experience is everything. We work as hard as we can. But it's obvious that every girl dedicated to our cheerleading program is going to have to spend a lot of time in the weight room and a lot of time doing the complicated routines that are so important at the national level," Hebert pointed out.

Now, that doesn't mean the kids have to look like the East German Olympic women's swim team from back in the 1960's. If you saw them, you know what that's about. "Our kids are much stronger than you think. But they still need that extra workout," the coach said.

A national event, in any sport, means you are going into a pressure cooker. "It was partly the atmosphere. So many who had been there many times had a look, not necessarily arrogance, but confidence. They warmed up like champions and carried themselves the same way," Hebert noted.

### Injury-Plagued

If you had seen the Brownies at the boys' basketball game at Kibbe Gym against Northampton (before they left for Florida), you would have seen a banged-up squad. At least three of the kids on the original national team had bandages on their arms or legs.

"Yeah, we used our three alternates down there because of injuries. Everyone did the best they could. In the end, we didn't have a single senior on the floor," noted Hebert.

While the Brownies went out in the qualifying round, the coach was observant of what it takes to win in such a competitive atmosphere that can be closer than two sides of a hair. "You have to sell the routine and yourselves. You have to convince the judges to fall in love with what you are showing them. You have to convince the fans the same way. You have to have some impressive music to complement your work."

"So much is involved. But it's the contact with everyone that was so crucial. I saw some big-time

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IN TOP PHOTO: "Where's Mickey???" The Agawam High School cheerleaders enjoy the sights and sounds of the "Magic Kingdom" during their recent trip to Orlando, Florida, for the National Championships at Walt Disney World. IN PHOTO BELOW: The AHS cheerleaders take a moment to just "lie around" during the stay in Florida.



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teams down there that seemed to be machine-like. That will never happen to Agawam High cheerleading, no matter how far we might go now. When I started coaching this team seven years ago, we came up with a philosophy that has defined us and has gotten us to the national level. It is right out of our logo, AHS - Attitude, Heart, and Spirit," said Hebert.

It's over now, but there's still plenty of work left for the locals. "I'll miss the tremendous effort I saw there by everyone involved. I'll miss the great intensity of the finals. I'll miss the full house they had there," Hebert said. Then she added, "But our real job is to back up our sports teams here. That is even more important than the Nationals."

**Schoolboy Basketball...**

## Brownies Bow To Visiting Chicopee High, 71-43

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' basketball team lost to visiting Chicopee, 71-43, Monday evening. The Pacers, one of the top teams in Western Mass., led 31-4 at the half.

Agawam came in without leading scorer A.J. Martucci, who is their go-to guy, according to Coach Brian Alves. However, their other go-to guy, junior Lou Conte, had 18 points.

"We just weren't good in the early going," Alves admitted. However, the Brownies began to hit their jumpers in the second and showed much better. "Chicopee has a very good press. But our offense began to break it in the second half," the coach noted.

Agawam is now 0-19 and 0-9 in the Valley Wheel. "It's tough. We have some very good sophomore and freshman players waiting to come up, though. Our JV's only lost by five to Chicopee. And our freshmen beat their freshmen by 18. We just have to put the pieces together," Alves said.

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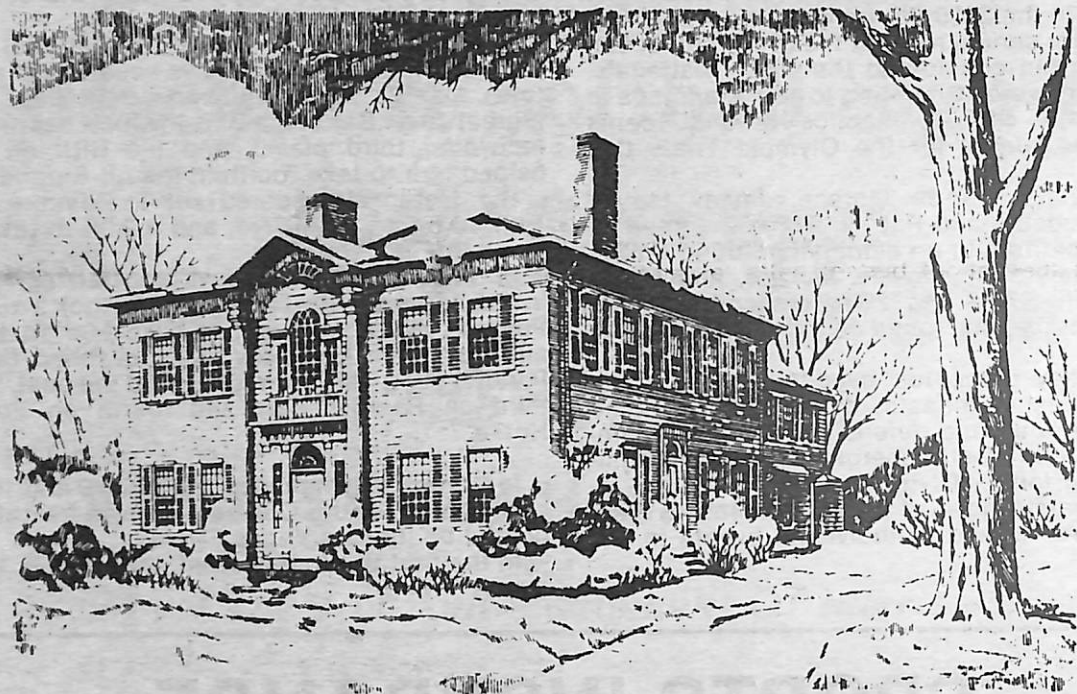
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## Brownies Wrap Up Their Season In Fourth Place In "A" Division

The Agawam High School girls' ski team wrapped up its race season on Thursday, February 3rd. The final league race was a giant slalom event, which brought them a fifth-place finish. This finish was good enough to keep them in FOURTH PLACE for the SEASON. The girls moved up one spot in the "A" Division from last year, when they finished fifth.

First out of the gate, and first in team time, was junior Jen Pietroniro (33.16), followed by captain Kerry St. Laurent (34.77), who placed second in team time for the night. Junior Janet Jock made an impressive run of 34.92, thus giving her a third-place for this race.

Other race times included Caroline Scherpa (35.25), Amy Jensen (35.38), Laura Charest (36.67), Ashley Guiel (37.14), and Katie Feato (38.28).

The big story in this race was the finish by Janet Jack, who was third on the team for the second race in a row. Coach Jim Graveline was excited about her performance: "Janet has been on fire lately, skiing with a drive and determination that, until recently, had not surfaced. I've been telling Janet for two years now that she has the skills and technique necessary, but not the confidence. Well, the confidence has arrived, and so has Janet."

The coach added, "The juniors on the team have been stepping up all season, showing that they are ready to move into the leadership roles

on this team. We can thank the leadership and examples given by this year's captains — Charest, Scherpa, and St. Laurent — for the growth of the younger skiers, and how well the team did in the 'A' Division."

The juniors, who will be the heart of next year's team, are Jen Pietroniro, Amy Jensen, Ashley Guiel, Janet Jock, and Courtney Adamczyk (who was out with an injury, but will be back next year).

Pietroniro and Jensen were consistently placing in the top four team times. Pietroniro also finished 31st in the league for the second year in a row (just one place out of the Western Mass. state competition).

Coach Graveline had this to say about her coming so close to States: "This 'close' thing continued at the Ben Moore race this year where Jen finished fourth, just out of trophies. I expect Jen to come back next year with a vengeance, looking for that state spot."

This group of juniors will be pushed from their spots by a group of sophomores who have shown great promise: Katie Feato, Courtney Nowill, Alyson Garvey, and Danya Decoteau.

The team's two freshmen this year were Raya Mutti, who competed all season in the JV course, and Nicole Clausen, who skied in two races and then was injured and on injured reserve for the rest of the season.

The team's sixth race on February 1st was a

slalom event that had a rough finish; the Brownies ended up in sixth place. The team's first racer, Kerry St. Laurent, hooked a gate at the top, but Caroline Scherpa finished with a 53.28. Even though this was our top team time for the night, none of the girls broke into the top 30 for the night.

Agawam's third racer out of the gate was Amy Jensen, whose 54.84 placed her in second on the team. Next was Laura Charest with 58.12, which placed her in fourth on the team for the night. She was followed by Ashley Guiel (68.93), who also caught a gate and side-stepped back up.

Jen Pietroniro was next out of the gate with a 65.14. Janet Jock was seventh out of the gate with a 55.06, which placed her in an impressive third place on the team for the night. Katie Feato, who was last out of the gate with a 61.57, also clipped a gate.

On the JV front, first for us was Courtney Nowill with a 37.08, then Alyson Garvey with a 38.11, followed by Danya Decoteau (46.15) and Raya Mutti (45.53).

The Brownies have one skier going to the States — Caroline Scherpa, who skied well all season and worked very hard for her accomplishments this season by competing in USSA races as well as PVIAC. We congratulate Scherpa on a great season, and wish her well at the state championships.

## Daggett Gymnasts Compete At Meets Held In Las Vegas

Five members of the men's team from Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics in Agawam recently competed in the 2000 Winter Cup.

This major annual meet at the University of Las Vegas is often considered the winter nationals. Competitors were attempting to earn standings to qualify for the USA Gymnastics National Teams and further qualify for the Olympic Trials this summer.

Jeff Lavalle, Darren Morace, Jamey Houle, Steven Gaudette, and Patrick McFarlin joined 74 other competitors in an elimination round on Friday, February 11th. Lavalle, Morace, and Houle took eighth, 17th, and 29th, respectively, and qualified for the final round on Saturday, February 12th.

There, they competed head-to-head with the country's best gymnasts, most notably Blaine Wilson, the four-time defending National Champion, and John Roethlisberger and Chainey Umphrey, other former Olympians.

Unfortunately, none of the team members placed in the All-Around or Individual events in the

finals, but Darren Morace put it in perspective by saying, "I was just happy to make the cut, considering the competition."

In the concurrent Blackjack Invitational meet, the Class II and Class III boys squared off across town. Alan Parsons performed well in Class II with a great High Bar score of 8.4 (which captured an individual third place), and his fifth on Floor helped him to take fourth in the All-Around.

R.J. Heflin also scored well in Pommel Horse with an 8.6 to take third, and a 9.05 to take first place in Floor Exercise.

In Class III action, the boys also had high points in individual events. Dan Liebowitz took a ninth on Pommel Horse with a 7.7; Mike Marino took a ninth on High Bar; Alex Smith grabbed fifth on Parallel Bars; and Drew Ignoto did the best, taking third on Parallel Bars and fourth on Pommel Horse.

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In women's gymnastics, the Level 9 and 10 girls participated in the Queen of Hearts Invitational, hosted by the Las Vegas Flyers.

In the first trip to this event, the Level 9, 14 and

older group placed well, led by Andrea Babbini with a first on Beam, second on Bars, and third on Vault and in the All-Around.

Jaime Scott-Smith placed second on the Vault with a 9.1 score. Kari Sullivan captured a second on floor with a 9.025, while Brionne Lanour brought home thirds in Beam and Floor.

In the the junior group, Jen Stack scored an 8.7 on Bars to place third, but later proved her fortitude by continuing after an injury from a nasty fall from the beam.

The Level 10 group was met by stiff competition. High scores were achieved by Michelle Germano, Lauren Powell, and Leah Boccaccio, but were surpassed by girls from Scottsdale, Arizona's Dirt Devils.

Michelle and Lauren both scored 9.20 on Vault and Bars, respectively, bringing home sixth and eighth places. Lauren also took fifth on Beam with a 9.075.

The meet, though, gave them an opportunity to face off against others of their caliber prior to Regional and National Championship competition starting next month.

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## In Tri-Parish Bowling News...

## Fordham Still In First Place

With only one week remaining in the third round of the Tri-Parish Bowling League, Fordham retained its lead with a 2½-1½ win over Georgetown. On Monday, February 14th, sub anchor Lance "Lightning" Poirier (bowling for better half Debbie) rolled a 347 series for G'Town. This was "Lightning's" first outing for the year and keeps his handicap at zero.

"Jolly" Olly Muldrew needed help from Jan "Steady" Fuller (who ran off a 308 series) to add to his 317 series to gain total pinfall and the extra point.

Holy Cross took St. Mary, 3-1, to keep St. M. in second place. There were no big scores for anyone; no one made the 300 mark. Rich "Golden" Snyder won the battle of anchors by nipping Ron "The Don" Menard, 295-291.

Boston College lost to St. Louis, 3-1. St. L. had three bowlers over 300: Terry "Tiger" Cerpovicz rolled 309, Jim "Big Mac" McCormack ran off a 332 (which included a 130 single), and sub anchor "Luscious" Lou Muldrew had a 129 single with a 342 total. Betsy "Loaded" Cannon surpassed

"Luscious" Lou, running off a 138 single and a 354 total for B.C.

Notre Dame was a 3-1 winner over Catholic University. For ND, Cori "Lefty" Napolitan rolled three steady strings (104, 105, 101) to total 310, and Flo "Rocky" Rochford did likewise (111, 111, 108) for a 330 series. Frank "Buck" Cerpovicz rolled a 324 series, and Kathy "Big Cat" Burlingham had a 310 for the losers.

"The 'Big Cat'" didn't have her usual night (only one string over 100), but it was good enough to win the third string for C.U.'s only points.

Next week is position night for the third round.

## STANDINGS AS OF FEBRUARY 14TH:

Fordham	18½-9½
St. Mary	16-12
Boston College	15-13
St. Louis	14-14
Catholic University	12½-15½
Holy Cross	12½-15½
Notre Dame	12-16
Georgetown	11½-16½

## Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

### Sportsmen's Show Opens This Weekend In West Springfield...

The Springfield Sportsmen's Show open this weekend at the Big E in West Springfield. The largest pure outdoor sportsmen's show begins its run on Thursday, February 24th, and concludes Sunday night, February 27th. Don't miss it!

## TWO-DAY BASS FISHING

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B.A.S.S. Fishing Techniques 2000 will hold two simultaneous events here in New England over the weekend of March 11th and 12th.

Western Massachusetts' own bass pro, Bill Decoteau, will be on the agenda at the Naugatuck Valley Community Technical College. Joining Bill Decoteau will be other bass fishing notables such as Ken Cook, Jimmy Houston, Zell Rowland, and Tony Bean.

Saturday's events begin with an on-site registration at 7:00 a.m., with classroom instruction beginning at 8:00 a.m. Sunday's events begin at 8:00 a.m. and will conclude with a "think tank" discussion with the pros.

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FISH REPORTS  
FRESH WATER

Congamond Lakes continue to give up some decent bass and a few jumbo pickerel on live shiners fished about three feet off the bottom. Trout are being taken by shiner fishermen as well as those fishing with ice jigs.

Oxbow anglers are scoring on some decent pike. Try the areas around the bar separating the marina from the main body of water. Jumbo shiners are doing the trick if you can find some in the bait shops.

## SALT WATER

Winter cod fishing continues to produce some market-size cod along with a few fish in the 40-pound class. Winter party boats such as the Helen-H out of Hyannis and the Francis Fleet out of Pt. Judith are plying the waters whenever the weather cooperates. During the real frigid spell several weeks ago, some of the harbors were iced in and nobody got out.

From the recent reports, some of the best fishing in years may be available as the cod stocks seem to be rebounding in some areas.

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From March 7th-9th...

## Girls' Lacrosse Clinic Slated For Grades 5-9

The varsity girls' lacrosse team will be conducting its annual lacrosse clinic on March 7th, 8th, and 9th for girls in grades five through nine. The cost of the clinic is \$25 for the three days, and will be held at the Agawam Junior High gymnasium from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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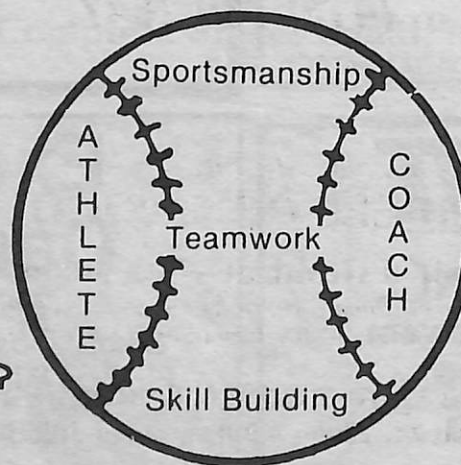
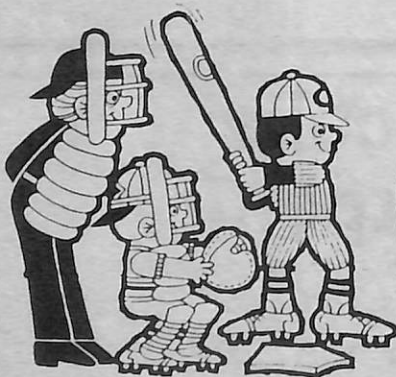
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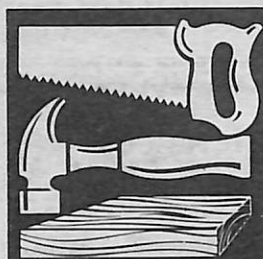
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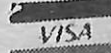
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